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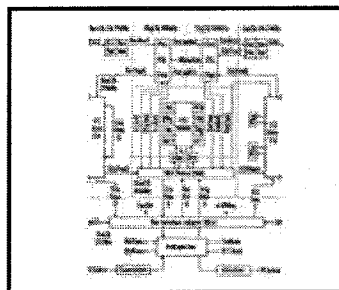
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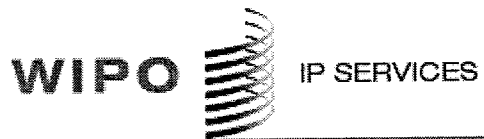
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**Abstract:** A 10Gb/s network interface device offloads TCP/IP datapath functions. Frames without IP datagrams are processed as with a non-offload NIC. Receive frames are filtered, then transferred to preallocated receive buffers within host memory. Outbound frames are retrieved from host memory, then transmitted. Frames with IP datagrams without TCP segments are transmitted without any protocol offload, but received frames are parsed and checked for protocol errors, including checksum accumulation for UDP segments. Receive frames without datagram errors are passed to the host and error frames are dumped. Frames with Tcp segments are parsed and error- checked. Hardware checking is performed for ownership of the socket state. TCP/IP frames which fail the ownership test are passed to the host system with a parsing summary. TCP/IP frames which pass the ownership test are processed by a finite state machine implemented by the CPU. TCP/IP frames for non-owned sockets are supported with checksum accumulation/insertion.



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### NETWORK INTERFACE DEVICE WITH 10 GB/S FULL-DUPLEX TRANSFER RATE

#### Introduction

[0001] The following specification describes a TCP/IP offload network interface device called Sahara, which is capable of full duplex data transfer rates of at least ten-gigabits/second. This Introduction highlights a few of the features of Sahara, which are more fully described throughout the remainder of the document. [0002] As shown in the upper-left-corner of FIG. 2, data from a network can be received by a ten-gigabit TCP/IP offload network interface device (TNIC) called Sahara via a Ten-gigabit Attachment Unit Interface (XAUI). Alternatively, a XFI (10-Gbit small form factor electrical interface) optical transceiver interface or XGMII 10 Gigabit Media Independent Interface, for example, can be employed.

[0003] In the particular 10G/s physical layer embodiment of XAUI, data is striped over 4 channels, encoded with an embedded clock signal then sent in a serial fashion over differential signals. Although a 10Gb/S data rate is targeted, higher and lower data rates are possible.

[0004] In this embodiment, the data is received from XAUI by Receive XGMII Extender Sublayer (RcvXgx) hardware, aligned, decoded, re-assembled and then presented to the Receive media access control (MAC) hardware (RcvMac). In this embodiment, the Receive MAC (RcvMac) is separated from the Transmit MAC (XmtMac), although in other embodiments the Receive and Transmit MACs may be combined. [0005] The Receive MAC (RcvMac) performs known MAC layer functions on the data it has received, such as MAC address filtering and checking the format of the data, and stores the appropriate data and status in a Receive MAC Queue (RcvMacQ). The Receive MAC Queue (RcvMacQ) is a buffer that is located in the received data path between the Receive MAC (RcvMac) and the Receive Sequencer (RSq). [0006] The Receive Sequencer (RSq) includes a Parser (Prs) and a Socket Detector (Det). The Parser reads the header information of each packet stored in the Receive MAC Queue (RcvMacQ). A FIFO stores IP addresses and TCP ports of the packet, which may be called a socket, as assembled by the parser. The Socket Detector (Det) uses the IP addresses and TCP ports, stored in the FIFO, to determine whether that packet corresponds to a TCP Control Block (TCB) that is being maintained by Sahara. The Socket Detector compares the packet socket information from the FIFO against TCB socket information stored in the Socket Descriptor Ram (SktDscRam) to determine TCB association of the packet. The Socket Detector (Det) may utilize a hash bucket similar to that described in U.S. Published Patent Application No. 20050182841, entitled "Generating a hash for a TCP/IP offload device," to detect the packet's TCB association. Compared to prior art TNICs, that used a processor to determine that a packet corresponds to a TCB, this hardware Socket Detector (Det) frees the chip's processor for other tasks and increases the speed with which packet-TCB association can be determined. [0007] The Receive Sequencer's (RSq) Socket Detector (Det) creates a Receive Event Descriptor for the received packet and stores the Receive Event Descriptor in a Receive Event Queue implemented in the Dma Director (Dmd) block. The Receive Event Descriptor comprises a TCB identifier (TCBID) that identifies the TCB to which the packet corresponds, and a Receive Buffer ID that identifies where, in Dram, the packet is

stored. The Receive Event Descriptor also contains information derived by the Receive Sequencer (RSq), such as the Event Code (EvtCd), Dma Code (DmaCd) and Socket Receive Indicator (SkRcv). The Receive Event Queue (RcvEvtQ) is implemented by a Dma Director (Dmd) that manages a variety of queues, and the Dma Director (Dmd) notifies the Processor (CPU) of the entry of the Receive Event Descriptor in the Receive Event Queue (RcvEvtQ).

[0008] Once the CPU has accessed the Receive Event Descriptor stored in the Receive Event Queue (RcvEvtQ), the CPU can check to see whether the TCB denoted by that descriptor is cached in Global Ram (GRm) or needs to be retrieved from outside the chip, such as off-chip memory or host memory. The CPU also schedules a DMA to bring the header from the packet located in Dram into Global Ram (GRm), which in this embodiment is dual port SRAM. The CPU then accesses the IP and TCP headers to process the frame and perform state processing that updates the corresponding TCB. The CPU contains specialized instructions and registers designed to facilitate access and processing of the headers in the header

buffers by the CPU. For example, the CPU automatically computes the address for the header buffer and adds to it the value from an index register to access header fields within the header buffer

[0009] Queues are implemented in a Queue RAM (QRm) and managed jointly by the CPU and the DMA Director (Dmd). DMA events, whether instituted by the CPU or the host, are maintained in Queue RAM (Qrm) based queues.

[0010] The CPU is pipelined in this embodiment, with 8 CPUs sharing hardware and each of those CPUs occupying a different pipeline phase at a given time. The 8 CPUs also share 32 CPU Contexts. The CPU is augmented by a plurality of functional units, including Event Manager (EMg), Slow Bus Interface (Slw), Debugger (Dbg), Writable Control Store (WCS), Math Co-Processor (MCp), Lock Manager (LMg), TCB Manager (TMg) and Register File (RFI). The Event Manager (EMg) processes external events, such as DMA Completion Event (RspEvt), Interrupt Request Event (IntEvt), Receive Queue Event (RcvEvt) and others. The Slow Bus Interface (Slw) provides a means to access non-critical status and configuration registers. The Writable Control Store (WCS) includes microcode that may be rewritten. The Math Co-Processor (MCp) divides and multiplies, which may be used for example for TCP congestion control.

[0011] The Lock Manager (LMg) grants locks to the various CPUs, and maintains an ordered queue which stores lock requests allowing allocation of locks as they become available. Each of the locks is defined, in hardware or firmware, to lock access of a specific function. For example, the Math Co-Processor (MCp) may require several cycles to complete an operation, during which time other CPUs are locked out from using the Math Co-Processor (MCp). Maintaining locks which are dedicated to single functions allows better performance as opposed to a general lock which serves multiple functions.

[0012] The Event Manager (EMg) provides, to the CPU, a vector for event service, significantly reducing idle loop instruction count and service latency as opposed to single event polling performed by microcode in previous designs. That is, the Event Manager (EMg) monitors events, prioritizes the events and presents, to the CPU, a vector which is unique to the event type. The CPU uses the vector to branch to an event service routine which is dedicated to servicing the unique event type. Although the Event Manager (EMg) is configured in hardware, some flexibility is built in to enable or disable some of the events of the Event Manager (EMg).

Examples of events that the Event Manager (EMg) checks for include: a system request has occurred over an I/O bus such as PCI; a DMA channel has changed state; a network interface has changed state; a process has requested status be sent to the system; and a transmitter or receiver has stored statistics.

[0013] As a further example, one embodiment provides a DMA event queue for each of 32 CPU contexts, and an idle bit for each CPU context indicating whether that context is idle. For the situation in which the idle bit for a context is set and the DMA event queue for that context has an event (the queue is not empty), the Event Manager (EMg) recognizes that the event needs to be serviced, and provides a vector for that service. Should the idle bit for that context not be set, instead of the Event Manager (EMg) initiating the event service, firmware that is running that context can poll the queue and service the event.

[0014] The Event Manager (EMg) also serves CPU contexts to available CPUs, which in one embodiment can be implemented in a manner similar to the Free Buffer Server (FBS) that is described below. A CPU Context is an abstract which represents a group of resources available to the CPUs only when operating within the context. Specifically, a context specifies a specific set of resources comprising CPU registers, a CPU stack, DMA descriptor buffers, a DMA event queue and a TCB lock request. When a CPU is finished with a context, it writes to a register, the CPU Context ID, which sets a flip-flop indicating that the context is free. Contexts may be busy, asleep, idle (available) or disabled.

[0015] The TCB Manager (TMg) provides hardware that manages TCB accesses by the plurality of CPUs and CPU Contexts. The TCB Manager (TMg) facilitates TCB locking and TCB caching. In one embodiment, 8 CPUs with 32 CPU Contexts can together be processing 4096 TCBs, with the TCB Manager (TMg) coordinating TCB access. The TCB Manager (TMg) manages the TCB cache, grants locks to processor contexts to work on a particular TCB, and maintains order for lock requests by processor contexts to work on a TCB that is locked.

[0016] The order that is maintained for lock requests can be affected by the priority of the request, so that high priority requests are serviced before earlier received requests of low priority. This is a special feature built into the TCB Manager (TMg) to service receive events, which are high priority events. For example, two frames corresponding to a TCB can be received from a network. While the TCB is locked by the first processor context that is processing the first receive packet, a second processor context may request a lock for the same TCB in order to process a transmit command. A third processor context may then request a lock for the same TCB in order to process the second receive frame. The third lock request is a high priority request and will be given a place in the TCB lock request chain which will cause it to be granted prior to the second, low priority, lock request. The lock requests for the TCB are chained, and when the first CPU context, holding the initial lock gets to a place where it is convenient to release the lock of the TCB, it can query the TCB Manager (TMg) whether there are any high priority lock requests pending. The TCB Manager (TMg) then can release the lock and grant a new lock to the CPU context that is waiting to process the second receive frame [0017] Sequence Servers issue sequential numbers to CPUs during read operations. Used as a tag to maintain the order of receive frames. Also used to provide a value to insert into the IP header Identification field of transmit frames.

[0018] Composite Registers are virtual registers comprising a concatenation of values read from or to be written to multiple single content registers. When reading a Composite Register, short fields read from multiple single content registers are aligned and merged to form a 32 bit value which can be used to quickly issue DMA and TCB Manager (TMg) commands. When writing to Composite Registers, individual single content registers are loaded with short fields which are aligned after being extracted from the 32-bit ALU output. This provides a fast method to process Receive Events and DMA Events. The single content registers can also be read and written directly without use of the Composite Register.

[0019] A Transmit Sequencer (XSq) shown in the upper right portion of Figure 2 includes a Formatter (Fmf) and a Dispatcher (Dsp). The Transmit Sequencer (XSq) is independent of the Receive Sequencer (RSq) in this embodiment, and both can transfer data simultaneously at greater than 10GB/s. In some previous embodiments, a device CPU running microcode would modify a prototype header in a local copy of a TCB that would then be sent by DMA to a DRAM buffer where it would be combined with data from a host for a transmit packet. A transmit sequencer could then pass the data and appended header to a MAC sequencer, which would add appropriate information and transmit the packet via a physical layer interface.

[0020] In a current embodiment, the CPU can initiate DMA of an unmodified prototype header from a host memory resident TCB to a transmit buffer and initiate DMA of transmit data from host memory to the same transmit buffer. While the DMAs are taking place, the CPU can write a transmit command, comprising a command code and header modification data, to a proxy buffer. When the DMAs have completed the CPU can add DMA accumulated checksum to the proxy buffer then initiate DMA of the proxy buffer contents (transmit command) to the Transmit Command Queue (XmtCmdQ). The Transmit Sequencer (XSq) Dispatcher (Dsp) removes the transmit command from the Transmit Command Queue (XmtCmdQ) and presents it to the Dram Controller (DrmCtl) which copies the header modification portion to the XmtDmaQ then copies header and data from the transmit buffer to the XmtDmaQ. The Transmit Sequencer (XSq) Formatter (Fmf) removes header modification data, transmit header and transmit data from the Transmit DMA Queue (XmtDmaQ), merges the header modification data with the transmit header then forwards the modified transmit header to the Transmit Mac Queue (XmtMacQ) followed by transmit data. Transmit header and transmit data are read from the Transmit Mac Queue (XmtMacQ) by a Transmit MAC (XmtMac) for sending on XAUI.

[0021] For the situation in which device memory is sufficient to store all the TCBs handled by the device, e.g., 4096 TCBs in one embodiment, as opposed to only those TCBs that are currently cached. In one embodiment, instead of a queue of descriptors for free buffers that are available, a Free Buffer Server (FBS) is utilized that informs the CPU of buffers that are available. The Free Buffer Server (FBS) maintains a set of flip-flops that are each associated with a buffer address, with each flip-flop indicating whether its corresponding buffer is available to store data. The Free Buffer Server (FBS) can provide to the CPU the buffer address for any buffer whose flip-flop is set. The list of buffers that may be available for storing data can be divided into groups, with each of the groups having a flip-flop indicating whether any buffers are available in that group. The CPU can simply write a buffer number to the Free Buffer Server (FBS) to free a buffer, which sets a bit for that buffer and also sets a bit in the group flip-flop for that buffer. To find a free buffer, the Free Buffer Server (FBS) looks first to the group bits, and finding one that is set then proceeds to check the bits within that group, flipping

the bit when a buffer is used and flipping the group bit when all the buffers in that group have been used. The Free Buffer Server (FBS) may provide one or more available free buffer addresses to the CPU in advance of the CPU's need for a free buffer or may provide free buffers in response to CPU requests.

[0022] Such a Free Buffer Server (FBS) can have N levels, with N=1 for the case in which the buffer flip-flops are not grouped. For example, 2 MB of buffer space may be divided into buffers having a minimum size that can store a packet, e.g., 1.5 KB, yielding about 1,333 buffers. In this example, the buffer identifications may be divided into 32 groups each having 32 buffers, with a flip-flop corresponding to each buffer ID and to each group. In another example, 4096 buffers can be tracked using 3 levels with 8 flips-flops each. Although the examples given are in a networking environment, such a free-buffer server may have applications in other areas and is not limited to networking.

[0023] The host interface in this embodiment is an eight channel implementation of PciExpress (PciE) which provides 16Gb of send and 16Gb of receive bandwidth. Similar in functional concept to previous Alacritech TNICs, Sahara differs substantially in its architectural implementation. The receive and transmit data paths have been separated to facilitate greater performance. The receive path includes a new socket detection function mentioned above, and the transmit path adds a formatter function, both serving to significantly reduce firmware instruction count. Queue access is now accomplished in a single atomic cycle unless the queue-indirect feature is utilized. As mentioned above, TCB management function has been added which integrates the cam, chaining and TCB Lock functions as well as Cache Buffer allocation. A new event manager function reduces idle-loop instruction count to just a few instructions. New statistics registers, automatically accumulate receive and transmit vectors. The receive parsing function includes multicast filtering and, for support of receive-side-scaling, a Toeplitz hash generator. The Director provides compact requests for initiating TCB, SGL and header DMAs. A new CPU increases the number of pipeline stages to eight, resulting in single instruction ram accesses while improving operating frequency. Adding even more to performance are the following enhancements of the CPU.

Q 32-bit literal instruction field

Q 16-bit literal with 16-bit jump address.

Q Dedicated ram-address literal field.

Q Independent src/dst operands

Q Composite registers E g {3'bO, 5'bCpCxD, 5'bO, 7'bCxCBId, 12'bCxTcd}

Q Per-CPU file address registers

- CPU-mapped file operands

Q Per-CPU Context ID registers.

- Context-mapped file operands

- Context-mapped ram operands
- Per-context pc stacks
- Per-context file address registers.
- Per-context ram address registers.
- Per-context TCB ID registers.
- Per-context Cache Buffer ID registers.
- CchBuf-mapped ram operands.
- Per-context Header Buffer ID registers.
- Per-context Header Buffer index registers
- HdrBuf-mapped ram operands.

Per-CPU queue ID register

- Queue-mapped file operands.
- Queue-direct file operands.

Parity has been implemented for all internal rams to ensure data integrity. This has become important as silicon geometries decrease and alpha particle induced errors increase.

Sahara employs several, industry standard, interfaces for connection to network, host and memory. Following is a list of interface/transceiver standards employed:

Spec Xcvrs Pins Attachment Description

XAUI 8-CML XGbe Phy 10Gb Attachment Unit Interface.

MGIO -LVTTTL Phy Management I/O.

PCI-E ??-LVDS Host Pci Express.

RLDRAM ??-HSTL RLDRAM Reduced Latency DRAM.

SPI -LVTTTL FLASH MEM Serial Peripheral Interface.

Sahara is implemented using flip-chip technology which provides a few important benefits. This technology allows strategic placement of I/O cells across the chip, ensuring that the die area is not pad-limited. The greater freedom of I/O cell and ram cell placement also reduces connecting wire length thereby improving operating frequency.

External devices are employed to form a complete TNIC solution. FIG. 1 shows some external devices that can be employed. In one embodiment the following memory sizes can be implemented.

Dcmrn - 2 x 6M x 36 - Receive RLDRAM (64MB total) . Drmm - 2 x 4M x 36 - Transmit RLDRAM (32MB total) . Fish - 1 x 1M x 1 - Spi Memory (Flash or EEPROM) . RBuf - Registered double data rate buffers. Xpak - Xpak fiberoptic transceiver module.

## FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

A functional block diagram of Sahara is shown in Figure 2. Only data paths are illustrated. Functions have been defined to allow asynchronous communication with other functions. This results in smaller clock domains (the clock domain boundaries are shown with dashed lines) which minimize clock tree leaves and geographical area. The result is better skew margins, higher operating frequency and reduced power consumption. Also, independent clock trees will allow selection of optimal operating frequencies for each domain and will also facilitate improvements in various power management states. Wires, which span functional clocks are no longer synchronous, again resulting in improved operating frequencies.

Sahara comprises the following functional blocks and storage elements:

- ◆ XgxRcvDes - XGXS Deserializer.
- ◆ XgxXmtSer - XGXS Serializer.
- ◆ XgeRcvMac - XGbe Receive Mac.
- ◆ XgeXmtMac - XGbe Transmit Mac.
- ◆ RSq - Receive Sequencer.

- ◆ XSq - Transmit Sequencer
- ◆ DrmCtl - Dram Control .
- ◆ QMg - Queue Manager .
- ◆ CPU - Central Processing Unit.
- ◆ Dmd - DMA Director .
- BIA - Host Bus Interface Adaptor
- ◆ PciRcvPhy - Pci Express Receive Phy.
- ◆ PciXmtPhy - Pci Express Transmit Phy.
- ◆ PCleCore - Pci Express C
- Mgtctl - Phy Managment I/O Control .
- \* SpiCtl - Spi Memory Co itrol.
- ◆ GlobalRam - 4 X 8K X 36 - Global Ram (GlbRam/GRm) .
- QueMgrP.am - 2 X 8K X 36 - Queue Manager Ram (QRm) .
- ParityRam - 1 X 16K X 16 - Dram Parity Ram (PRm) .
- CpuRFIRam \_ 2 X 2K X 36 - CPU Register File Ram (RFI) .
- CpuWCSRam - 1 X 8K X 108 - CPU Wnteable Control Store (WC5) .
- SktDscRam - 1 X 2K X 288 - RSq Socket Descriptor Ram.
- RcvMacQue - 1 X 64 X 36 - Receive Mac Data Queue Ram.
- ◆ XmcMacQue - 1 X 64 X 36 - Transmit Mac Data Queue Ram.
- XmtVecQue - 1 X 64 X 36 - Transmit Mac Vector (Stats) Queue Ram.
- ◆ XmtCmdQHi - 1 X 128 X 145 - Transmit Command Q - high priority.
- » XmtCmdQLo - 1 X 128 X 145 - Transmit Command Q - low priority.
- \* RcvDmaQue — 1 X 128 X 145 - Parse Sequencer Dma Fifo Ram
- « XmtDmaQue - 1 X 128 X 145 - Format Sequencer Dma Fifo Ram.
- » D2gDmaQue - 1 X 128 X 145 - Dram to Global Ram Dma Fifo Ram.
- \* D2hDmaQue - 1 X 128 X 145 - Dram to Host Dma Fifo Ram.
- G2dDmaQue - 1 X 128 X 145 - Global Ram to Dram Dma Fifo Ram.
- G2hDmaQue - 1 X 128 X 145 - Global Ram to Host Dma Fifo Ram.
- H2dDmaQue - 1 X 128 X 145 - Host to Dram Dma Fifo Ram.
- H2gDniaQue - 1 X 128 X 145 - Host to Global Ram Dma Fifo Ram.
- ◆ PciHdrRam - 1 X 68 X 109 - PCI Header Ram.
- PciRtyRam - 1 X 256 X 69 - PCI Retry Ram.
- « PciDatRam - 1 X 182 X 72 - PCI Data Ram

#### Functional Synopsis

In short, Sahara performs all the functions of a traditional NIC as well as performing offload of TCP/IP datapath functions. The CPU manages all functions except for host access of flash memory, phy management registers and pci configuration registers.

Frames which do not include IP datagrams are processed as would occur with a non-offload NIC. Receive frames are filtered based on link address and errors, then transferred to preallocated receive buffers within host memory. Outbound frames are retrieved from host memory, then transmitted.

Frames which include IP datagrams but do not include TCP segments are transmitted without any protocol offload but received frames are parsed and checked for protocol errors. Receive frames without datagram errors are passed to the host and error frames are dumped. Checksum accumulation is also supported for IP datagram frames containing UDP segments.

Frames which include TCP segments are parsed and checked for errors. Hardware checking is then performed for ownership of the socket state. TCP/IP frames which fail the ownership test are passed to the host system with a parsing summary. TCP/IP frames which pass the ownership test are processed by the finite state machine (FSM) which is implemented by the TNIC CPU. TCP/IP frames for non-owned sockets are supported with checksum accumulation/insertion.

The following is a description of the steps which occur while processing a receive frame.

#### Receive Mac

- 1) Store incoming frame in RcvMacQue.
- 2) Perform link level parsing while receiving/storing incoming frame.
- 3) Save receive status/vector information as a mac trailer in RcvMacQue.

#### Receive Sequencer

- 1) Obtain Rbld from RcvBufQ (Specifies receive buffer location in RcvDrm).
- 2) Retrieve frame data from RcvMacQue and perform link layer parsing.
- 3) Filter frame reception based on link address.
- 4) Dump if filtered packet else save frame data in receive buffer.
- 5) Parse mac trailer.
- 6) Save a parse header at the start of the receive buffer.
- 7) Update RcvStatsR.
- 8) Select a socket descriptor group using the socket hash.
- 9) Compare socket descriptors within group against parsed socket ID to test for match. 10) If match found, set SkRcv, Tcbld and extract DmaCd from SktDsc else set both to zero. 1) ) Store entry on the RSqEvtQ {RSqEvt, DmaCd, SkRcv, Tcbld, Rbld}.

#### CPU

- 1) Pop event descriptor from RSqEvtQ.
- 2) Jump, if marker event, to marker service routine.
- 3) Jump, if raw receive, to raw service routine.
- 4) Use TcbMgr to request lock of TCB.
- 5) Continue if TCB grant, else Jsx to idle loop.
- 6) Jump, if ITcbRcvBsy, to 12.
- 7) Put Rbld on to TCB receive queue.
- 8) Use TcbMgr to release TCB and get next owner.
- 9) Release current context.
- 10) Jump, if owner not valid, to idle.
- 11) Switch to next owner and Rtx.
- 12) Schedule TCB DMA if needed.
- 13) Schedule header DMA.
- 14) Magic stuff.

The following is a description of the steps which occur while processing a transmit frame.

#### CPU



- 1) Use TcbMgr to request lock of TCB.
- 2) If not TCB grant, Jsx, to idle loop.
- 3) Magic stuff here.
- 4) Schedule H2dDma.
- 5) Pop Proxy Buffer Address (PxyAd) off of Proxy Buffer Queue (PxyBufQ).
- 6) Partially assemble formatter command variables in PxyBuf.
- 7) If not H2dDmaDn, Jsx to idle loop.
- 8) Check H2dDma ending status.
- 9) Finish assembling formatter command variables (Chksum+) in PxyBuf.
- 10) Write Proxy Command {PxySz,Queld,PxyAd} to Proxy Dispatch Queue (PxyCmdQ).
- 11) Magic stuff here.

#### Proxy Agent

- 1) Pop PxyCmd off of PxyCmdQ.
- 2) Retrieve transmit descriptor from specified PxyBuf.
- 3) Push transmit descriptor on to specified transmit queue.
- 4) Push PxyAd on to PxyBufQ.

#### Transmit Sequencer

- 1) Pop transmit descriptor off of transmit queue.
- 2) Copy protoheader to XmtDmaQue.
- 3) Modify protoheader while copying to XmtMacQue.
- 4) Release protoheader to XmtMac (increment XmtFmtSeq).
- 5) Copy data from transmit buffer to XmtDmaQue.
- 6) Copy data from transmit buffer to XmtMacQue.
- 7) Write EOP and DMA status to XmtMacQue.
- 8) Push XmtBuf on to XmtBufQ to release transmit buffer.

#### Transmit Mac

- 1) Wait for transmit packet ready (XmtFmtSeq > XmtMacSeq).
- 2) Pop data off of XmtMacQue and send until EOP/Status encountered
- 3) If no DMA error, send good crc else send bad crc to void frame
- 4) Increment XmtMacSeq
- 5) Load transmit status into XMacVecR and flip XmtVecRdy

#### Transmit Sequencer

- 1) If XmtVecRdy != XmtVecSvc, read XMacVecR and update XSNMPRgs
- 2) Flip XmtVecSvc

#### HOST MEMORY (HstMem) Data Structures

Host memory provides storage for control data and packet payload. Host memory data structures have been defined which facilitate communication between Sahara and the host system. Sahara hardware includes automatic computation of address and size for access of these data structures resulting in a significant reduction of firmware overhead. These data structures are defined below.

#### TCP Control Block

TCBs comprise constants, cached-variables and delegated-variables which are stored in host memory based TCB Buffers (TcbBuf) that are fixed in size at 512B. A diagram of TCB Buffer space is shown in FIG 3, and a TCB Buffer is shown in FIG 4. The TCB varies in size based on the version of IP or host software but in any case may not exceed the 512B limitation imposed by the size of the TcbBuf.

TCBs are copied as needed into GlbRam based TCB Cache Buffers (CchBuf) for direct access by the CPUs. A special DMA operation is implemented which copies the TCB structure from TcbBuf to CchBuf using an address calculated with the configuration constant, TCB Buffer Base Address (TcbBBs), and the TcbBuf size of 512B. The DMA size is determined by the configuration constant, H2gTcbSz.

Constants and cached-variables are read-only, but delegated variables may be modified by the CPUs while the TCB is cached. All TCBs are eventually flushed from the cache at which time, if any delegated-variable has been modified, the changed variable must be copied back to the TcbBuf. This is accomplished with a special DMA operation which copies to the TcbBuf, from the CchBuf, all delegated variables and incidental cached variables up to the next 32B boundary. The DMA operation copies an amount of data determined by the configuration constant G2hTcbSz. This constant should be set to a multiple of 32B to preclude read-modify-write operations by the host memory controller. To this same end, delegated variables are located at the beginning of the TcbBuf to ensure that DMAs start at a 64-byte boundary. Refer to sections Global Ram, DMA Director and Slow Bus Controller for additional information.

#### Prototype Headers

Every connection has a Prototype Header (PHdr) which is not cached in GlbRam but is instead copied from host memory to DRAM transmit buffers as needed. Headers for all connections reside in individual, 1 KB Composite Buffers (CmpBuf, FIG. 6) which are located in contiguous physical memory of the host as shown in FIG 5.

A composite buffer comprises two separate areas with the first 256-byte area reserved for storage of the prototype header and the second 768-byte area reserved for storage of the TCB Receive Queue (TRQ). Although the PHdr size and TRQ size may vary, the CmpBuf size remains constant.

Special DMA operations have been defined, for copying prototype headers to transmit buffers. A host address is computed using the configuration constant - Composite Buffer Base Address (CmpBBs), with a fixed buffer size of 1KB. Another configuration constant, prototype-header transmit DMA-size (H2dHdrSz), indicates the size of the copy. Refer to sections DMA Director and Slow Bus Controller for additional information.

#### TCB Receive Queue

Every connection has a unique TCB Receive Queue (TRQ) in which to store information about buffered receive packets or frames. The TRQ is allocated storage space in the TRQ reserved area of the composite buffers previously defined. The TRQ size is programmable and can be up to 768-bytes deep allowing storage of up to 192 32-bit descriptors. This is slightly more than needed to support a 256KB window size assuming 1448-byte payloads with the timestamp option enabled.

When a TCB is ejected from or imported to a GlbRam TCB Cache Buffer (CchBuf), its corresponding receive queue may or may not contain entries. The receive queue can be substantially larger than the TCB and therefore contribute greatly to latency. It is for this reason that the receive queue is copied only when it contains entries. It is expected that this DMA seldom occurs and therefore there is no special DMA support provided.

#### Transmit Commands.

Transmit Command Descriptors (XmtCmd, FIG. 7) are retrieved from host memory resident transmit command rings (XmtRng, FIG. 8). Transmit Ring space is shown in FIG. 9. A XmtRng is implemented for each connection. The size is configurable up to a maximum of 256 entries. The descriptors indicate data transfers for offloaded connections and for raw packets.

The command descriptor includes a Scatter-Gather List Read Pointer (SglPtr, Fig. xx-a), a 4-byte reserved field, a 2-byte Flags field (Figs), a 2-byte List Length field (LCnt), a 12-byte memory descriptor and a 4-byte reserved field. The definition of the contents of Figs is beyond the scope of this document. The SglPtr is used to fetch page descriptors from a scatter-gather list and points to the second page descriptor of the list. MemDsc[0] is a copy of the first entry in the SGL and is placed here to reduce latency by consolidating what would otherwise be two DMAs. LCnt indicates the number of entries in the SGL and includes MemDsc[0]. A value of zero indicates that no data is to be transferred.

The host compiles the command descriptor or descriptors in the appropriate ring then notifies Sahara of the new command(s) by writing a value, indicating the number of new command descriptors, to the transmit tickle register of the targeted connection. Microcode adds this incremental value to a Transmit Ring Count (XRngCnt) variable in the cached TCB. Microcode determines command descriptor readiness by testing XRngCnt and decrements it each time a command is fetched from the ring.

Commands are fetched using an address computed with the Transmit Ring Pointer (XRngPtr), fetched from the cached TCB, and the configuration constants Transmit Ring Base address (XRngBs) and Transmit Rings Size (XRngSz). XRngPtr is then incremented by the DMA Director. Refer to sections Global Ram, DMA Director and Slow Bus Controller for additional information.

#### Receive Commands.

Receive Command Descriptors (RcvCrnd, FIG. 10) are retrieved from host memory resident Receive Command Rings (RcvRng, FIG. 11). Receive Ring space is shown in FIG. 12. A RcvRng is implemented for each connection. The size is configurable up to a maximum of 256 entries. The descriptors indicate data transfers for offloaded connections and the availability of buffer descriptor blocks for the receive buffer pool.

The descriptors are basically identical to those used for transmit except for the definition of the contents of the 2-byte Flags field (Figs). Connection 0 is a special case used to indicate that a block of buffer descriptors is available for the general receive buffer pool. In this case SglPtr points to the first descriptor in the block of buffer descriptors. Each buffer descriptor contains a 64-bit physical address and a 64-bit virtual address. LCnt indicates the number of descriptors in the list and must be the same for every list. Furthermore, LCnt must be a whole fraction of the size of the System Buffer Descriptor Queue (SbfDscQ) which resides in Global Ram. Use of other lengths will result in DMA fragmentation at the SbfDscQ memory boundaries.

The host compiles the command descriptor or descriptors in the appropriate ring then notifies Sahara of the new command(s) by writing a value, indicating the number of new command descriptors, to the receive tickle register of the targeted connection. Microcode adds this incremental value to a Receive Ring Count (RRngCnt) variable in the cached TCB. Microcode determines command readiness by testing RRngCnt and decrements it each time a command is fetched from the rrng.

Commands are fetched using an address computed with the Receive Ring Pointer (RRngPtr), fetched from the cached TCB, and the configuration constants Receive Ring Base address (RRngBs) and Receive Ring Size (RRngSz). RRngPtr is then incremented by the DMA Director. Refer to sections Global Ram, DMA Director and Slow Bus Controller for additional information.

#### Scatter-Gather Lists.

A Page Descriptor is shown in FIG. 13, and a Scatter-Gather List is shown in FIG. 14. Applications send and receive data through buffers which reside in virtual memory. This virtual memory comprises pages of segmented physical memory which can be defined by a group of Memory Descriptors (MemDsc, FIG. 13). This group is referred to as a Scatter-Gather List (SGL, FIG. 14). The SGL is passed to Sahara via a pointer (SglPtr) included in a transmit or receive descriptor.

Memory descriptors in the host include an 8-byte Physical Address (PhyAd, FIG. 13), 4-byte Memory Length (Len) and an 8-byte reserved area which is not used by Sahara. Special DMA commands are implemented which use an SglPtr that is automatically fetched from a TCB cache buffer. Refer to section DMA Director for additional information.

#### System Buffer Descriptor Lists.

A System Buffer Descriptor is shown in FIG. 15. Raw receive packets and slow path data are copied to system buffers which are taken from a general system receive buffer pool. These buffers are handed off to Sahara by compiling a list of System Buffer Descriptors (SbfDsc, FIG. xx) and then passing a pointer through the receive ring of connection 0. Sahara keeps a Receive Ring Pointer (RRngPtr) and Receive Ring Count (RRngCnt) for the receive rings which allows fetching a buffer descriptor block pointer and subsequently the block of descriptors.

The buffer descriptor comprises a Physical Address (PhyAd) and Virtual Address (VirAd) for a 2KB buffer. The physical address is used to write data to the host memory and the virtual address is passed back to the host to be used to access the data.

Microcode schedules, as needed, a DMA of a SbfDsc list into the SbfDsc list staging area of the GblRam. Microcode then removes individual descriptors from the list and places them onto context specific buffer descriptor queues until all queues are full. This method of serving descriptors reduces critical receive microcode overhead since the critical path code does not need to lock a global queue and copy a descriptor to a private area.

#### NIC Event Queues.

Event notification is sent to the host by writing NIC Event Descriptors (NEvtDsc, FIG. 16) to the NIC Event Queues (NicEvtQ, FIG. 17). Eight NicEvtQs (FIG. 18) are implemented to allow distribution of events among multiple host CPUs.

The NEvtDsc is fixed at a size of 32 bytes which includes eight bytes of data, a two byte TCB Identifier (Tcbld), a two byte Event Code (EvtCd) and a four byte Event Status (EvtSta). EvtSta is positioned at the end of the structure to be written last because it functions as an event valid indication for the host. The definitions of the various field contents are beyond the scope of this document.

Configuration constants are used to define the queues. These are NIC Event Queue Size (NEQSz) and NIC Event Queue Base Address (NEQBs) which are defined in section Slow Bus Controller. The CPU includes a

pair of sequence registers, NIC Event Queue Write Sequence (NEQWrtSq) and NIC Event Queue Release Sequence (NEQRlsSq), for each NicEvtQ. These also function as read and write pointers. Sahara increments NEQWrtSq for each write to the event queue. The host sends a release count of 32 to Sahara each time 32 queue entries have been vacated. Sahara adds this value to NEQRlsSq to keep track of empty queue locations. Additional information can be found in sections CPU Operands and DMA Director.

#### GLOBAL RAM (GblRam/GRm)

GlbRam, a 128KB dual port static ram, provides working memory for the CPU. The CPU has exclusive access to a single port, ensuring zero wait access. The second port is used exclusively during DMA operations for the movement of data, commands and status. GlbRam may be written with data units as little as a byte and as large as 8 bytes. All data is protected with byte parity ensuring detection of all single bit errors.

Multiple data structures have been pre-defined, allowing structure specific DMA operations to be implemented. Also, the predefined structures allow the CPU to automatically compile GlbRam addresses using contents of both configuration registers and dynamic registers. The resulting effect is reduced CPU overhead. The following list shows the structures and the memory used by them. Any additional structures may reduce the quantity or size of the TCB cache buffers.

HdrBufs 8KB = 128B/Hbf 2Bufs/ctx \* 32Ctxs - Header Buffers.

DmaDscs 4KB = 16B/Dbf 8 Dbfs /ctx \* 32ctxs - Dma Descriptor Buffers.

SbfDscs 4KB = 16B/Sbf 8 Dbfs/Ctx \* 32Ctxs - Dma Descriptor Buffers.

PxyBufs 2KB = 32B/Pbf 64 Pbf s - Proxy Buffers

TcbBMap 512B = 1b/TCB 4 KTcbs/Map / 8b/B - TCB Bit Map.

CchBufs 109KB = 1KB/Cbf 109Cbfs - TCB Cache Buffers

128KB

#### Header Buffers

FIG 19 shows Header Buffer Space. Receive packet processing uses the DMA of headers from the DRAM receive buffers (RcvBuf/Rbf) to GlbRam to which the CPUs have immediate access. An area of GlbRam has been partitioned in to buffers (HdrBuf/Hbf, Fig xx) for the purpose of holding these headers. Each CPU context is assigned two of these buffers and each CPU context has a Header Buffer ID (HbfId) register that indicates which buffer is active. While one header is being processed another header can be pre-fetched thereby reducing latency when processing sequential frames.

Configuration constants define the buffers. They are Header Buffer Base Address (HdrBBs) and Header Buffer Size (HdrBSz). The maximum buffer size allowed is 256B.

Special CPU operands have been provided which automatically compile addresses for the header buffer area. Refer to section CPU Operand for additional information.

A special DMA is implemented which allows efficient initiation of a copy from DRAM to HdrBuf. Refer to section DMA Director for additional information.

#### TCB Valid Bit Map

A bit-map (FIG 20) is implemented in GlbRam wherein each bit indicates that a TCB contains valid data. This area is pre-defined by configuration constant TCB Map Base Address (TMapBs) to allow hardware assistance. CPU operands have been defined which utilize the contents of the Tcbld registers to automatically compute a GlbRam address. Refer to CPU Operands and Slow Bus Controller for additional information.

#### Proxy Buffers

Transmit packet processing uses assembly of transmit descriptors which are deposited into transmit command queues. Up to 32-bytes (8-entries) can be written to the transmit queue while maintaining exclusive access in.

order to avoid spin-lock during queue access, a proxy DMA has been provided which copies contents of proxy buffers from GlbRam to the transmit command queues. Sixtyfour proxy buffers of 32-bytes each are defined by microcode and identified by their starting address. Refer to sections DMA Director and Transmit Operation for additional information.

#### System Buffer Descriptor Stage

Raw frames and slow path packets are delivered to the system stack via System Buffers (SysBuf/Sbf). These buffers are defined by System Buffer Descriptors (SbfDsc). See prior section System Buffer Descriptor Lists) comprising an 8-byte physical address and an 8-byte virtual address. The system assembles 128 SbfDscs into a 2KB list then deposits a pointer to this list on to RcvRng 0. The system then notifies microcode by a writing to Sahara's tickle register. Microcode copies the lists as needed into a staging area of GlbRam from which individual descriptors will be distributed to each CPU context's system buffer descriptor queue. This stage is 2KB to accommodate a single list.

#### DMA Descriptor Buffers

FIG. 21 shows DMA Descriptor Buffer Space. The DMA Director accepts DMA commands which utilize a 16-byte descriptor (DmaDsc) compiled into a buffer (DmaBuf/Dbf) in GlbRam. There are 8 descriptor buffers available to each CPU context for a total of 256 buffers. Each of the 8 buffers corresponds to a DMA context such that a concatenation of CPU Context and DMA Context {DmaCx.CpuCx} selects a unique DmaBuf.

CPU operands have been defined which allow indirect addressing of the buffers. See section CPU Operands for more information. Configuration constant - DMA Descriptor Buffer Base Address (DmaBBs) defines the starting address in.

GlbRam The DMA Director uses the CpuCx and DmaCx provided via the Channel Command Queues (CCQ) to retrieve a descriptor when required.

Event mode DMAs also access DmaBufs but do so for a different purpose Event descriptors are written to the host memory resident NIC Event Queues They are fetched from the DmaBuf by the DMA Director, but are passed on as data instead of being used as extended command descriptors. Event mode utilizes two consecutive DmaBufs since event descriptors are 32-bytes long It is recommended that DmaCxs 6 and 7 be reserved exclusively for this purpose.

#### TCB Cache Buffers

A 12-bit identifier (Tcbld) allows up to 4095 connections to be actively supported by Sahara. Connection 0 is reserved for raw packet transmit and system buffer passing These connections are defined by a collection of variables and constants which are arranged in a structure known as a TCP Control Block (TCB). The size of this structure and the number of connections supported preclude immediate access to all of them simultaneously by the CPU due to practical limitations on local memory capacity A TCB caching scheme provides a solution with reasonable tradeoffs between local memory size and the quantity of connections supported. FIG 22 shows Cache Buffer Space.

Most of GlbRam is allocated to TCB Cache Buffers (CchBuf/Cbf) leaving primary storage of TCBs in inexpensive host DRAM In addition to storing the TCB structure, these CchBufs provide storage for the TCB Receive Queue (TRQ) and an optional Prototype Header (Phd) The Phd storage option is intended as a fallback in the event that problems are encountered with the transmit sequencer proxy method of header modification. FIG 23 shows a Prototype Header Buffer.

CchBufs are represented by cache buffer identifiers (Cbld). Each CpuCtx has a specialized register (CxCbld) which is dedicated to containing the currently selected Cbld. This value is utilized by the DMA Director, TCB Manager and by the CPU for special memory accesses. Cbld represents a GlbRam resident buffer which has been defined by the configuration constants cache buffer base address (CchBBs) and cache buffer size (CchBSz)

The CPU and the DMA Director access structures and variables in the CchBufs using a combination of hard constants, configuration constants and variable register contents TRQ access by the CPU is facilitated by the contents of the specialized Connection Control register - CxCctl which holds the read and write sequences for the TRQ These are combined with TRQ Index (TRQIx), Cbld and CchBSz and CchBBs to arrive at a GlbRam address from which to read or to which to write. The values in CxCctl are initially loaded from the cached TCB's CPU Variables field (CpuVars) whenever a context first gains ownership of a connection The value in the CchBuf is updated immediately prior to relinquishing control of the connection The constant TRQ Size (TRQSZ) indicates when the values in CxCctl should wrap around to zero FIG 24 shows a Delegated Variables Space.

Four command sub-structures are implemented in the CchBuf. Two of these provide storage for receive commands — RCmdA and RCmdB and the remaining two provide storage for transmit commands - XCmdA and XCmdB. The commands are used in a ping-pong fashion, allowing the DMA to store the next command or the next SGL entry in one command area while the CPU is actively using the other Having a fixed size of 32- bytes, the command areas are defined by the configuration constant - Command Index (CmdIx)

The DMA Director includes a ring mode which copies command descriptors from the XmtRngs and RcvRngs to the command sub-structures - XCmdA, XCmdB, RCmdA and RCmdB. The commands are retrieved from sequential entries of the host resident rings. A pointer to these entries is stored in the cached TCB in the substructure — RngCtrl and is automatically incremented by the DMA Director upon completion of a command fetch Delivery to the CchBuf resident command sub-structure is ping-ponged, controlled by the CpuVars bits - XCmdOdd and RCmdOdd which are essentially images of XRngPtr[0] and RRngPtr[0] held in CxCctl. These bits are used to form composite registers for use in DMA Director commands

#### CpuVars

#### RngCtrl

#### Bits Name Description

31 : 24 XRngCnt - Transmit Ring Command Count

23 : 16 XRng Ptr - Transmit Ring Command Pointer

15 : 08 RRngCnt - Receive Ring Command Count

23 : 16 RRng Ptr - Receive Ring Command Pointer

#### DRAM CONTROLLER (RcvDrm/Drm | XmtDrm/Drm)

FIG. 26 shows a DRAM Controller The dram controllers provide access to Dram (RcvDrm/Drm) and Dram (XmtDrm/Drm). RcvDrm primarily serves to buffer incoming packets and TCBs while XmtDrm primarily buffers outgoing data and DrmQ data. FIG. 25 shows the allocation of buffers residing in each of the drams. Both transmit and receive drams are partitioned into data buffers for reception and transmission of packets. At initialization time, select buffer handles are eliminated and the reclaimed memory is instead dedicated to storage of DramQ and TCB data.

XDC supports checksum and crc generation while writing to XmtDrm XDC also provides a crc appending capability at completion of write data copying. RDC supports checksum and crc generation while reading from RcvDrm and also

supports reading additional crc bytes, for testing purposes, which are not copied to the destination. Both controllers provide support for priming checksum and crc functions.

The RDC and XDC modules operate using clocks with frequencies which are independent of the remainder of the system. This allows for optimal speeds based on the characteristics of the chosen dram. Operating at the optimal rate of 500Mb/sec/pin, the external data bus comprises 64 bits of data and 8 bits of error correcting code. The instantaneous data rate is 4GB/s for each of the dram subsystems while the average data rate is around 3.5GB/s due to the overhead associated with each read or write burst. A basic dram block size of 128 bytes is defined which yields a maximum burst size of 16 cycles of 16B per cycle. Double data rate (DDR) dram is utilized of the type RDRAM.

The dram controllers implement source and destination sequencers. The source sequencers accept commands to read dram data which is stored into DMA queues preceded by a destination header and followed by a status trailer. The destination sequencers accept address, data and status from DMA queues and save the data to the dram after which a DMA response is assembled and made available to the appropriate module. The dram read/write controller monitors these source and destination sequencers for read and write requests. Arbitration is performed for read requestors during a read service window and for write requestors during a write service window. Each requestor is serviced a single time during the service window excepting PrsDstSqr and XmtSrcSqr requests which are each allowed two DMA requests during the service window. This dual request allowance helps to insure that data late and data early events do not occur. Requests are limited to the maximum burst size of 128B and must not exceed a size which would cause a burst transfer to span multiple dram blocks. E.g., a starting dram address of 5 would limit XfrCnt to 128-5 or 123.

The Dram Controller includes the following seven functional sub-modules

PrsDstSqr - Parser to Dram Destination Sequencer monitors the RcvDmaQues and moves data to RcvDrm. No response is assembled.

D2hSrcSqr - Dram to Host Source Sequencer accepts commands from the DmdDspSqr, moves data from RcvDrm to D2hDmaQ preceded by a destination header and followed by a status trailer.

D2gSrcSqr - Dim to GlbRam Source Sequencer accepts commands from the DmdDspSqr, moves data from RcvDrm to D2gDmaQ preceded by a destination header and followed by a status trailer.

H2dDstSqr - Host to Dram Destination Sequencer monitors the H2dDmaQue and moves data to XmtDim. It then assembles and presents a response to the DmdRspSqr.

G2dDstSqr - GlbRam to Dram Destination Sequencer monitors the G2dDmaQue and moves data to XmtDrm. It then assembles and presents a response to the DmdRspSqr.

D2dCpySqr - Dram to Dim Copy Sequencer accepts commands from the DmdDspSqr, moves data from Dram to Dram then assemble and presents a response to the DmdRspSqr.

XmtSrcSqr - Dram to Formatter Source Sequencer accepts commands from the XmtFmtSqr, moves data from XmtDrm to XmtDmaQ preceded by a destination header and followed by a status trailer.

DMA Director (DmaDir/Dmd)

The DMA Director services DMA request on behalf of the CPU and the Queue Manager. There are eleven distinct DMA channels, which the CPU can utilize and two channels which the Queue Manager can use. The CPU employs a combination of Global Ram resident descriptor blocks and Global Ram resident command queues to initiate DMAs. A command queue entry is always used by the CPU to initiate a DMA operation and, depending on the desired operation, a DMA descriptor block may also be used. All DMA channels support the descriptor block mode of operation excepting the Pxy channel. The CPU may initiate TCB, SGL and Hdr DMAs using an abbreviated method which does not utilize descriptor blocks. The abbreviated methods are not

available for all channels. Also, for select channels, the CPU may specify the accumulation of checksums and crcs during descriptor block mode DMAs. The following table lists channels and the modes of operation which are supported by each.

Channel DscMd TcbMd SglMd KbfMd PhdMd CrcAco Function

Pxh - - Global Ram to XmtH Queue

Pxl - - - - - Global Ram to XmtL Queue

D2g \* - \* - \* Dram to Global Ram

D2h \* - \* - \* Dram to Host

D2d \* - \* - \* Dram to Dram

G2d \* - - - \* - \* Global Ram to Dram

G2h \* - \* - \* Global Ram to Host

H2d \* - - - \* - \* Host to Dram

H2g \*\*\* - Host to Global Ram

Figure 27 is a block diagram depicting the functional units of the DMA Director. These units and their functions are:

□ GRmCtlSqr (Global Ram Control Sequencer).

- Performs Global Ram reads and writes as requested.

Q DmdDspSqr (DMA Director Dispatch Sequencer)

- Monitors command queue write sequences and fetches queued entries from Global Ram.

- Parses command queue entry.

- Fetches DMA descriptors if indicated.

- Fetches crc and checksum primers if indicated.

- Fetches TCB SGL pointer if indicated.

- Presents a compiled command to the DMA source sequencers.

Q PxySrcSqr (Proxy Source Sequencer)

- Monitors the Proxy Queue write sequence and fetches queued command entries from GRm.

- Parses proxy commands.

- Requests and moves data from GRmCtl to QMgr.

- Extracts Proxy Buffer ID and presents to DmdRspSqr.

Q G2?SrcSqr (G2d/G2h Source Sequencer)

- Requests and accepts commands from DmdDspSqr

- Loads destination header into DmaQue

- Requests and moves data from GRmCtl into DmaQue.

- Compiles source status trailer and moves into the DmaQue.

Q ?2gDstSqr (D2g /H2g Destination Sequencer)

- Unloads and stores destination header from DmaQue.

- Unloads data from DmaQue and presents to GRmCtl

- Unloads source status trailer from DmaQue

- Compiles DMA response and presents to DmdRspSqr

Q DmdRspSqr (DMA Director Response Sequencer)

- Accepts DMA response descriptor from DstSqr

- Updates DmaDsc if indicated

- Saves response to response queue if indicated.

DMA commands utilize configuration information in order to proceed with execution Global constants such as TCB length, SGL pointer offsets and so on are set up by the CPU at time zero. The configurable constants are.

D CmdQBs - Command Queue Base. α EvtQBs - Event Queue Base.

Q TcbBBs - TCB Buffer Base.

Q DmaBBs - DMA Descriptor Base.

Q HdrBBs - Header Buffer Base. α CchBBs - Cache Buffer Base.

Q HdrBSz - Header Buffer Size. α CchBSz - Cache Buffer Size.

Q SglPlx - SGL Pointer Index.

□ MemDscIx - Memory Descriptor Index. α MemDscSz - Memory Descriptor Size.

Q TRQIx - Receive Queue Index.

Q PHdrix - Tcb ProtoHeader Index.

O TcbHSz - Tcb ProtoHeader Size.

Q HDmaSz - Header Dma Sizes A:D.

Q TRQSZ - Receive Queue Size.  $\alpha$  TcbBBs - TCB Buffer Base.

Figure X depicts the blocks involved in a DMA The processing steps of a descriptor mode DMA are

Q CPU obtains use of a CPU Context identifier

Q CPU selects a free descriptor buffer available for the current CPU Context identifier

Q CPU assembles command variables in the descriptor buffer  $\alpha$  CPU assembles command and deposits it in the DmdCmdQ.

Q CPU may suspend the current context or continue processing in the current context

D DmdDspSqr detects DmdCmdQ not empty.  $\alpha$  DmdDspSqr fetches command queue entry from GRm

Q DmdDspSqr uses command queue entry to fetch command descriptor from GRm  $\alpha$  DmdDspSqr presents compiled command to DmaSrcSqr on DmaCmdDsc lines

Q DmaSrcSqr accepts DmaCmdDsc.

Q DmaSrcSqr deposits destination variables (DmaHdr) into DmaQue along with control marker.  $\alpha$  DmaSrcSqr presents read request and variables to source read controller.

Q DmCtlSqr detects read request and moves data from Dm to DmaSrcSqr along with status

Q DmaSrcSqr moves data to DmaDmaQue and increments DmaSrcCnt for each word

Q DmaSrcSqr deposits ending status (DmaTlr) in DmaDmaQue along with control marker.

Q DmaDstSqr fetches DmaHdr and DMA data from DmaQue.

Q DmaDstSqr request destination write controller to move data to destination

Q DmaDstSqr fetches DmaTlr from DmaQue

Q DmaDstSqr assembles response descriptor and presents to DmdRspSqr.  $\alpha$  DmdRspSqr accepts response descriptor.

Q DmdRspSqr updates GRm resident DMA descriptor block if indicated

- Indication is use of descriptor block mode

Q DmdRspSqr assembles DMA response event and deposits in C<sup>^</sup>?AtnQ, if indicated.

- Indications are RspEn or occurrence of DMA error  $\alpha$  CPU removes entry from CtxEvtQ and parses it.

FIG 28 is a DMA Flow Diagram The details of each step vary based on the DMA channel and command mode The following sections outline events which occur for each of the DMA channels

Proxy Command for Pxl and Pxl

Proxy commands provide firmware an abbreviated method to specify an operation to copy data from GRm resident Proxy Buffers (PxyBufs) on to transmit command queues. DMA variables are retrieved and/or calculated using the proxy command fields in conjunction with configuration constants The command is assembled and deposited into the proxy command queue (PxlCmdQ or PxlCmdQ) by the CPU Format for the 32-bit, descriptor-mode, command -queue entry is:

Bits Name Queue Word Description

31 : 21 Bsvcl Zeroes .

20 : 20 PxySz Copy count expressed as units of 16-byte words . 0 == 16 words .

19 : 17 Rsvd Zeroes .

16 : 00 PxyAd Address of Proxy Buffer .

FIG. 29 is a Proxy Flow Diagram. PxyBufs comprise a shared pool of GlibRam. PxyBuf pointers are memory address pointers that point to the start of PxyBufs. Available (free) PxyBufs are each represented by an entry in the Proxy Buffer Queue (PxyBufQ). The pointers are retrieved by the CPU from the PxyBufQ, then inserted into the PxyAd field of a proxy



command which is subsequently pushed on to a PxyCmdQ. The PxySrcSqr uses the PxyAd to fetch data from GlbRam then, at command termination, the RspSqr recycles the PxyBuf by pushing the PxyBuf pointer back on to the PxyBufQ.

The format of the 32-bit Proxy Buffer descriptor is:

Bits Name Queue Word Description

31 : 16 Rsvd Zeroes .

16 : 00 PxyAd Address of Proxy Buffer . PxyAd [ 2 : 0 ] are zeroes .

TCB Mode DMA Command for G2h and H2g

TCB Mode (TcbMd) commands provide firmware an abbreviated method to specify an operation to copy TCBs between host based TCB Buffers and GRm resident Cache Buffers (Cbfs). DMA variables are retrieved and/or calculated using the DMA command fields in conjunction with configuration constants. The dma size is determined by the configuration constants:

- G2hTcbS z

- H2gTcbS z

The format of the 32-bit, TCB-mode, command-queue entry is:

Bits Name Description

31:31 RspEn Response Enable causes an entry to be written to one of the 32 response queues (C??EvtQ) following termination of a DMA operation.

30:29 CmdMd Command Mode must be set to 3. Specifies this entry is a TcbMd command.

23:24 CpuCx Indicates the context of the CPU which originated this command. CpuCx also specifies a response queue for DMA responses.

23:21 DaaCx DMA Context is ignored by hardware.

20:19 DaaTg DMA Tag is ignored by hardware.

18:12 CbFld Specifies a GRm resident Cache Buffer.

11:00 Tbfld Specifies host resident TCB Buffer.

Variable Tbfld and configuration constants CchBSz and CchBBs are used to calculate GlbRam as well as HstMem addresses for the copy operation. They are formulated as follows

$GRmAd = CchBBs + (CbFld * CchBSz)$  ;  $HstAd = TcbBBs + (Tbfld * 2K)$  ;

Command Ring Mode DMA Command for H2g

Command Ring Mode (RngMd) commands provide firmware an abbreviated method to specify an operation to copy transmit and receive command descriptors between host based command rings (XmtRng and RcvRng) and GRm resident Cache Buffers (Cbfs). DMA variables are retrieved and/or calculated using the DMA command

fields in conjunction with configuration constants Transmit ring command pointer (XRngPrr) and receive ring command pointer (RRngPtr) are retrieved from the CchBuf incremented and written back. Firmware must decrement transmit ring count (XRngCnt) and receive ring count (RRngCnt). The dma size is Fixed at 32.

The format of the 32-bit, Ring-mode, command-queue entry is. Bits Name Description

31:31 RspEn Response Enable causes an entry to be written to one of the 32 response queues (C<sup>00</sup>EvtQ) following termination of a DMA operation

30:29 CmdMd Command Mode must be set to 2 Specifies this entry is a RngMd command.

28:24 CpuCx Indicates the context of the CPU which originated this command.

CpuCx also specifies a response queue for DMA responses.

23:21 DmaCx DMA Context is ignored by hardware

20:20 OddSq Selects the odd or even command buffer of the TCB cache as the destination of the command descriptor. This bit can be taken from XRngPtr(O) or RRngPtr (O) .

19 : 19 XmtMd When set, indicates that the transfer is from the host transmit command ring to the CchBuf. When reset, indicates that the transfer is from the host receive command ring to the CchBuf.

18- 12 Cbflid Specifies a GRm resident Cache Buffer. 11:00 Tbfld Specifies host resident TCB Biffer.

Variables Tbfld and Cbflid and configuration constants XRngBs, RRngBs, XRngSz, RRngSz, XmtCmdlx, CchBSz and CchBBs are used to calculate GlbRam as well as HstMem addresses for the copy operation. They are formulated as follows for transmit command ring transfers:

$$\text{GRmAd} = \text{CchBBs} + (\text{Cbflid} * \text{CchBSz}) + \text{XmtCmdlx} + 32, \text{HstAd} = \text{XRngBs} + ((\text{Tbfld} \ll \text{XRngSz}) + \text{XRngPtr}) * 32;$$

They are formulated as follows for receive command ring transfers'

$$\text{GRmAd} = \text{CchBBs} + (\text{Cbflid} * \text{CchBSz}) + \text{RcvCmdlx} + 32; \text{HstAd} = \text{XRngBs} + ((\text{Tbfld} \ll \text{RRngSz}) + \text{RRngPtr}) * 32;$$

SGL Mode DMA Command for H2g

SGL Mode (SglMd) commands provide firmware an abbreviated method to specify an operation to copy SGL entres from the host resident SGL to the GRm resident TCB. DMA variables are retrieved and/or calculated using the DMA command fields in conjunction with configuration constants and TCB resident variables. Either a transmit or receive SGL may be specified via the CmdMd[0] This command is assembled and deposited into the H2g Dispatch Queue by the CPU The format of the 32-bit, descriptor-mode, command-queue entry is

Bits Name Description

31-31 RspEn Response Enable causes an entry to be written to one of the 32 response queues

(C?evtQ) following termination of a DMA operation.

30:29 CmdMd Command Mode==I specifies that an SGL entry is to be fetched.

28:24 CpuCx CPU Context indicates the context of the CPU which originated this command. CpuCx specifies a response queue for DMA responses.

23:21 DmaCx DMA Context is ignored by hardware

20:20 OddSq Selects the odd or even command buffer of the TCB cache as the source of the SGL pointer. Selects the opposite command buffer as the destination of the memory descriptor. This bit can be taken from XRngPtr[0] or RRngPtr (O).

19:19 XmtMd When set, indicates that the transfer should use the transmit command buffers of the TCB cache buffer as the source of the SGL pointer and the destination of the memory descriptor. When reset, indicates that the transfer should use the receive command buffers of the TCB cache buffer as the source of the SGL pointer and the destination of the memory descriptor.

18:12 Cbflid Specifies the Cache Buffer to which the SGL entry will be transferred. 11:00 Ravd Ignored.

CmdMd and Cbflid are used along with configuration constants CchBSz, CchBBs, SglPlx and MemDscIx to calculate addresses. The 64-bit SGL pointer, which resides in a Cache Buffer, is fetched using an address formulated as:

$$\text{GRmAd} = \text{CchBBs} + (\text{Cbflid} * \text{CchBSz}) + \text{SglPlx} + (\text{IxSel} * \text{MemDscSz});$$

The retrieved SGL pointer is then used to fetch a 12-byte memory descriptor from host memory which is in turn written to the Cache Buffer at an address formulated as:

$$\text{GRmAd} = \text{CchBBs} + (\text{Cbflid} * \text{CchBSz}) + \text{MemDscIx} + (\text{IxSel} * 16);$$

The SGL pointer is then incremented by the configuration constant SGLIncSz then written back to the CchBuf.

Event Mode DMA Command for G2h

Event Mode (EvtMd) commands provide firmware an abbreviated method to specify an operation to copy an event descriptor between GRm and HstMem. DMA variables are retrieved and/or calculated using the DMA command fields in conjunction with configuration constants. The DMA size is fixed at 16 bytes. Data are copied from an event descriptor buffer determined by {DmaCx.CpuCx}.

The format of the 32-bit, Event-mode, command-queue entry is:

Bits Name Description

31:31 RspEn Response Enable causes an entry to be written to one of the 32 response queues (C?EvtQ) following termination of a DMA operation.

30:29 CmdMd Command Mode must be set to 2. Specifies this entry is a EvtMd command. 28:24 CpuCx Indicates the context of the CPU which originated this command. CpuCx also specifies a response queue for DMA responses.

23:21 DmaCx DMA context specifies the DMA descriptor block in which the event descriptor (EvtDsc) resides.

20:19 QmaTc DMA Tag is ignored by hardware.

17:15 NEQId Specifies a host resident NIC event queue.

14:00 NEQSq NIC event queue write sequence specifies which entry to write.

Command variables NEQId and NEQSq and configuration constants DmaBBs, NEQSz and NEQBs are used to calculate the HstMem and GlbRam addresses for the copy operation. They are formulated as follows:

$$\text{GRmAd} = \text{DmaBBs} + \{\text{CpuCx}, \text{DmaCx}, 5'b000000\};$$

$$\text{HstAd} = \text{NEQBs} + \{(\text{NEQId} * \text{NicQSz}) + \text{NEQSq}, 5'b000000\};$$

Prototype Header Mode DMA Command for H2d

Prototype Header Mode (PhdMd) commands provide firmware an abbreviated method to specify an operation to copy prototype headers to DRAM Buffers from host resident TCB Buffers (TbO- DMA variables are retrieved and/or calculated using the DMA command fields in conjunction with configuration constants. This command is assembled and deposited into a dispatch queue by the CPU. CmdMdfo] selects the dma size as follows:

- H2dHdrSz [ CmdMd [ 0 ] ] The format of the 32-bit, protoheader-mode, command-queue entry is:

Bits Name Description

31:31 RspEri Response Enable causes an entry Co be written to one of the 32 response queues

(C??EvtQ) following termination of a DMA operation.

30:29 CmdMd Command Mode must be set to 2 or 3. It specifies this entry is a HdrMd command.

28:24 CpuCx CPU Context indicates the context of the CPU which originated this command.

CpuCx specifies a response queue for DMA responses and is also used to specify a GlbRam-resident Header Buffer.

23:12 Xbfld Specifies a DRAW Transmit Buffer. 11:00 Tbfld Specifies host resident TCB Buffer.

Configuration constants PHdrlx and CmpBBs are used to calculate the host address for the copy operation. The addresses are formulated as follows:

$$\text{HstAd} = (\text{Tbfld} * \text{IK}) + \text{CmpBBs}; \text{DrmAd} = \text{Xbfld} * 256;$$

This command does not include a DmaCx or DmaTg field. Any resulting response will have the DmaCx and DmaTg fields set to 5'bl 101 1.

Prototype Header Mode DMA Command for G2d

Prototype Header Mode (PhdMd) commands provide firmware an abbreviated method to specify an operation to copy prototype headers to DRAM Buffers from GRm resident TCB Buffers (TbO- DMA variables are retrieved and/or calculated using the DMA command fields in conjunction with configuration constants. This command is assembled and deposited into a dispatch queue by the CPU. CmdMd[i ] selects the dma size as follows:

- G2dHdrS z [ CmdMd [ 0 ] ] The format of the 32-bit, protoheader-mode, command-queue entry is:

Bits Name Description

31:31 RspEn Response Enable causes an entry to be written to one of the 32 response queues

(C??EvtQ) following termination of a DMA operation.

30:29 CmdMd Command Mode must be set to 2 or 3. It specifies this entry is a HdrMd command.

28:24 CpuCx CPU Context indicates the context of the CPU which originated this command.

CpuCx specifies a response queue for DMA responses and is also used to specify a GlbRam-resident Header Buffer.

23 : 21 DmaCx DMA Context is ignored by hardware .

20 : 19 DmaTg DMA Tag is ignored by hardware .

18 : 12 Cbfld Specifies a GFIm resident Cache Buffer .

11 : 00 Xbfld Specifies a DRAM Transmit Bu ffer .

Configuration constants CchBSz and CchBBs are used to calculate GlbRam and dram addresses for the copy operation. They are formulated as follows:

$$\text{GRmAd} = \langle \text{Cbfld} * \text{CchBSz} \rangle + \text{CchBBs} + \text{PHdrlx}; \text{DrmAd} = \text{Xbfld} * 256;$$

## Header Buffer Mode DMA Command for D2g

Header Buffer Mode (HbfMd) commands provide firmware an abbreviated method to specify an operation to copy headers from DRAM Buffers to GRm resident Header Buffers (Hbf). DMA variables are retrieved and/or calculated using the DMA command fields in conjunction with configuration constants. This command is assembled and deposited into a dispatch queue by the CPU.

The format of the 32-bit, header-mode, command-queue entry is:

## Bits Name Description

31:31 RspEn Response Enable causes an entry to be written to one of the 32 response queues

<C?EvtQ) following termination of a DMA operation.

30:29 CmdMd Command Mode must be set to 1. It specifies this entry is a HdrMd command. 28:24 CpuCx CPU Context indicates the context of the CPU which originated this command. CpuCx specifies a response queue for DMA responses and is also used to specify a GlbRam-resident Header Buffer.

23:21 DmaCx DMA Context is ignored by hardware. 20:19 DmaTg DMA Tag is ignored by hardware. 18:17 DmaCd DmaCd selects the dma size as follows:

D2cHdrSz[DmaCd]

16:16 Hbfld Used in conjunction with CpuCx to specify a Header Buffer. 15:00 Rbfld Specifies a DRAM Receive Buffer for the D2g channel.

Configuration constants HdrBSz and HdrBBs are used to calculate GlbRam and dram addresses for the copy operation. They are formulated as follows:

$GRmAd = HdrBBs + ((CpuCx, Hbfld) * HdrBSz); DmAd = Rbfld * 32;$

Descriptor Mode DMA Command for D2h, D2g, D2d, H2d, H2g, G2d and G2h

Descriptor Mode (DscMd) commands allow firmware greater flexibility in defining copy operations through the inclusion of additional variables assembled within a GlbRam-resident DMA Descriptor Block (DmaDsc). This

command is assembled and deposited into a DMA dispatch queue by the CPU. The format of the 32-bit, descriptor-mode, command-queue entry is'

## Bits Name Description

31 : 31 RspEn Response Enable causes an entry to be written to one of the 32 response queues (C<sup>3</sup>EVtQ) following termination of a DMA operation.

30 : 29 CmdNd Command Mode must be set to 0. It specifies this entry is a DscMd command.

28 : 24 CpuCx CPU Context indicates the context of the CPU which originated this command. This field, in conjunction with DmaCx, is used to create a GlbRam address for the retrieval of a DMA descriptor block. CpuCx also specifies a response queue for

DMA Responses and specifies a crc/checksum accumulator to be used for the crc/checksum accumulate option.

23:21 DmaCx DMA Context is used along with CpuCx to retrieve a DMA descriptor block. 20 : 19 DmaTg DMA Tag is ignored by hardware. 18:18 Rsvd Ignored by hardware. 17: 17 AccLd CrcAcc Load specifies that CrcAcc be initialized with Crc/Checksum values fetched from GlbRam at location ChkAd. This option is valid only when ChkAd != 0.

16:03 ChkAd Check Address specifies GRmAd[16:03] for fetch/store of crc and checksum values. ChkAd == 0 indicates that the accumulate function should start with a checksum value of 0 and that the accumulated checksum value should be stored in the

DMA descriptor block only, that crc functions must be disabled and that the

CrcAccs must not be altered. If ChkAd == 0 then AccLd and TstSz/AppSz are ignored. The accumulator functions are valid for D2h, D2g, H2d and G2d channels only.

02:00 TstSz This option is valid for D2h and D2g channels only Causes TstSz bytes of source data to be read and accumulated but not copied to the destination. A maximum value of 7 allows a four byte crc and up to three bytes of padding to be tested.

02:00 AppSz This option is valid for H2d and G2d channels only Causes AppSz bytes of the

CrcAcc and zeroes to be appended to the end of data being copied. This option is valid only when ChkAd != 0. An append size of one to four bytes results in the same number of bytes of crc being sent to the checksum accumulator and written to the destination. An append size greater than four bytes results in the appending of the crc plus zeroes.

AppSz Appended

0 {Null}

1 {CrcAcc[31:24]}

2 {CrcAcc[31:16]>

3 <CrcAcc[31:08]}

4 <CrcAcc[31:00]}

5 {08'b0,CrcAcc[31:0]}>

6 {16'b0,CrcAcc[31:0]}>

7 {24'b0,CrcAcc[31:0]}>

#### DMA Descriptor

The DMA Descriptor (DmaDsc) is an extension utilized, by DscMd DMA commands, to allow added specification of DMA variables. This method has the benefit of retaining single-word commands for all dispatch queues, thereby retaining the non-locked queue access method. The DmaDsc variables are assembled in, GlbRam resident, DmaDsc Buffers (DmaDsc). Each CpuCx has, preallocated, GlbRam memory which accomodates eight DmaDscs per CpuCx for a total of 256 DmaDscs. The DmaDscs are accessed using a GlbRam starting address formulated as:

$$GRmAd = DrraBBs + (CpuCx, DmaCx) * 16$$

DmaDscs are fetched by the DmdDspSqr and used, in conjunction with DmaCmds, to assemble a descriptor for presentation to the various DMA source sequencers. DmaDscs are also updated, upon DMA termination, with ending status comprising variables which reflect the values of address and length counters.

#### Word Bits Name Description

03 31 : 00 Hs tAdH Host Address High provides the address bits [63:32] used by the BIU. This field is updated at transfer termination if either RspEn is set or an error occurred. HstAdH is valid for D2h, G2h, H2d and H2g channels only.

02 31 : 00 Hs tAdL Host Address Low provides the address bits [31:00] used by the BIU. This field is updated at transfer termination. HstAdL is valid for D2h, G2h,

H2d and H2g channels only.

27 : 00 DmAdr Dram Ram Address is used as a source address for D2d. Updated at transfer termination. 16 : 00 GLitAd Global Ram Address is used as a destination address for D2g and as a source address for G2d DMAs. Updated at transfer termination.

01 31:31 Rsvd Reserved.

30:30 RlxDbl Relax Disable clears the relaxed-ordering-bit in the host bus attributes.

It is valid for D2h, G2h, H2d and H2g channels only.

29:29 SnpDbl Snoop Disable Sets the no-snoop-bit in the host bus attributes. It is valid for D2h, G2h, H2d and H2g channels only.

28:28 PadEnb Pad Enable causes data copies to RcvDrm or XmtDrm, which do not terminate on an eight byte boundary, to be padded with trailing zeroes up to the eight byte boundary. This has the effect of inhibiting read-before- write cycles, thereby improving performance.

27:00 DmAdr Dram Address provides the dram address for RcvDrm and XmtDrm. This field is updated at transfer termination. DmAd is valid for D2h, D2g, H2d and G2d channels only.

16:00 GLitAd Global Rara Address is used as a destination address for H2g and as a source address for G2h DMAs. This field is updated at transfer termination.

00 31:26 Rsvd Reserved.

25:23 FuncId Specifies the PCIe function ID for transfers and interrupts. 22:22 IntCyc Used by the G2h channel to indicate that an interrupt set or clear should be performed upon completion of the transfer operation.

21:21 IntClr 1: Interrupt clear. 0: Interrupt set. For legacy interrupts. 20:16 IntVec Specifies the interrupt vector for message signaled interrupts. 15:00 XfrLen Transfer Length specifies the quantity of data bytes to transfer. A length of zero indicates that no data should be transferred. Functions as storage for the checksum accumulated during an error free transfer and is updated at transfer termination. If a transfer error is detected, this field will instead contain the residual transfer length.

DMA Event for D2h, D2g, D2d, H2d, H2g, G2d and G2h

DMA Event (DmaEvt) is a 32-bit entry which is deposited into one of the 32 Context Dma Event Queues (C?EvtQ), upon termination of a DMA operation, if RspEn is set or if an error condition was encountered. The event is used to resume processing by a CPU Context and to relay DMA status. The format of the 32-bit event descriptor is as follows:

Bits Name Description

31 : 31 RspEn Copied from dispatch queue entry .

30 : 29 CmdMd Copied from dispatch queue entry .

28 : 24 CpuCx Copied from dispatch queue entry .

23 - 21 DmaCx Copied from dispatch queue entry Forced to 3'b111 for H2d PhdMd .

20 : 19 DmaTg Copied from dispatch queue entry Forced to 2'b11 for H2d PhdMd .

18 : 15 DmaCh Indicates the responding DMA channel .

14 : 05 Rsvd Reserved .

04 : 04 RdErr Set for source errors . Cleared for destination errors .

03 : 00 ErrCd Error code 0 - No error .

A response is forced regardless of the state of the RspEn bit anytime an error is detected. Next, the DmaErr bit of the xxx register will be set. Dma option is not updated for commands which encounter an error, but the dma descriptor is updated to reflect the residual transfer count at time of error.

#### ETHERNET MAC AND PHY

FIG. 30 shows a Ten-Gigabit Receive Mac In Situ.

FIG 31 shows a Transmit/Receive Mac Queue Implementation.

#### RECEIVE SEQUENCER (RcvSqr/RSq)

The Receive Sequencer is depicted in FIG. 32 in situ along with connecting modules. RcvSqr functional sub-modules include the Receive Parser (RcvPrsSqr) and the Socket Detector (SktDetSqr). The RcvPrsSqr parses frames, DMAs them to RcvDrm and passes socket information on to the SktDetSqr. The SktDetSqr compares the parse information with socket descriptors from SktDscRam, compiles an event descriptor and pushes it on to the RSqEvtQ. Two modes of operation provide support for either a single ten-gigabit mac or for four one-gigabit macs.

The receive process steps are:

Q RcvPrsSqr pops a Rbflid off of the RcvBufQ. α RcvPrsSqr waits for HOB of data or PktRdy from RcvMacQ α RcvPrsSqr pushes RcvDrmAd onto PrsHdrQ. α RcvPrsSqr parses frame headers and moves to RcvDmaQ α RcvPrsSqr moves residual of 110B of data from RcvMacQ to PrsHdrQ.

□ RcvPrsSqr pushes RcvDrmAd + 12S onto PrsDatQ

Q RcvPrsSqr moves residual frame data from RcvMacQ to PrsDatQ and releases to RcvDstSqr

D RcvDstSqr pops RcvDrmAd + 128 off of RcvDatQ then pops data and copies to RcvDrm

Q RcvPrsSqr prepends parse header to frame header on PrsHdrQ and releases to RcvDstSqr

Q RcvDstSqr pops RcvDrmAd off of RcvDatQ then pops header + data and copies to RcvDrm

Q RcvPrsSqr assembles and pushes PrsEvtDsc onto PrsEvtQ

Q SktDetSqr pops PrsEvtDsc off of PrsEvtQ α SktDetSqr uses Toeplitz hash to select SktDscGrp in SktDscRam.

Q SktDetSqr compares PrsEvtDsc with SktDscGrp entries (SktDscs). α SktDetSqr assembles RSqEvtDsc based on results and pushes onto RSqEvtQ

Q CPU pops RSqEvtDsc off of RSqEvtQ α CPU performs much magic here

Q CPU pushes Rbflid onto RcvBufQ

Receive Configuration Register (RcvCfgR)

Bits Name Description

031:031 Reset Force reset asserted to the receive sequencer.

030:030 DetEn Socket detection enable.

029:029 RcvFsh Force the receive sequencer to flush prefetched RcvBufs.

028:028 RcvEnb Allow parsing of receive packets.

027:027 RcvAll Allow forwarding of all packets regardless of destination address.

026:026 RcvBad Allow forwarding of packets for which a link error was detected.

025:025 RcvCtl Allow forwarding of 802.3X control packets.

024:024 CmdEnb Allow execution of 802.3X control packet commands; e.g. pause.

023:023 AdrEnH Allow forwarding of packets with the Macftd == RcvAddrH.

022:022 AdrEnG Allow forwarding of packets with the MacAd == RcvAddrG.

021:021 AdrEnF Allow forwarding of packets with the MacAd == RcvAddrF.

020:020 AdrEnE Allow forwarding of packets with the MacAd == RcvAddrE.

019:019 AdrEnO Allow forwarding of packets with the MacAd == RcvAddrD.

018:018 AdrEnC Allow forwarding of packets with the MacAd == RcvAddrC.

017:017 AdrEnB Allow forwarding of packets with the MacAd == RcvAddrB.

016:016 AdrEnA Allow forwarding of packets with the MacAd == RcvAddrA.

015:015 TzlpV5 Include tcp port during Toeplitz hashing of TcplpV5 frames.

014:014 TzlpV4 Include tcp port during Toeplitz hashing of TcplpV4 frames.

013:000 Rsvd Reserved.

Multicast-Hash Filter Register (FilterR)

Bits Name Description 127:000 Filter Hash bucket enable for multicast filtering.

Link Address Registers H:A (LnkAdrR)

Bits Name Description 047:000 LnkAdr Link receive address. One register for each of the 8 link addresses.

Toeplitz Key Register (TpzKeyR)

Bits Name Description

319:000 TpzKey Toeplitz-hash key register.

Detect Configuration Register (DetCfgR)

Bits Name Description

031:031 Reset Force reset asserted to the socket detector. 030:030 DecEn 029:000 Rsvd Zeroes.

Receive Buffer Queue (RcvBufQ)

Bits Name Description

031:016 Rsvd Reserved. 015:000 Rbflid Drm Buffer id.

Receive Mac Queue (RcvMacQ) if (Type == Data) (

Bits Name Description

035:035 OddPar Odd parity. 034:034 WrldTyp O-Data.

033:032 WrldSz 0-4 bytes. 1-3 bytes. 2-2 bytes. 3-1 bytes. 031:000 RcvDat Receive data.

) else { Bits Name Description

035:035 OddPar Odd parity.

034:034 WrldTyp 1-Status.

033:029 Rsvd Zeroes.

028:023 LnkH3h Mac Crc hash bits.

022:022 SvdDet Previous carrier detected.

021:021 LngBvt Long event detected.

020:020 PEarly Receive frame missed.

019:019 DEarly Receive mac queue overrun.

018: 010 FcsErr Crc-error detected.

01T: 017 SymOdd Dribble-nibble detected.

016:016 SymErr Code-violation detected.

015:000 RcvLen Receive frame size (includes crc)

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Parse Event Queue (PrsEvtQ)

Bits Name Description

315 188 SrcAdr Ip Source Address. IpV4 address is left justified.

187 060 DstAdr Ip Destination Address. IpV4 address is left justified.

059 044 SrcPrt Tcp Source Port.

043 029 DstPrt Tcp Destination Port.

027 020 SktHsh Socket Hash.

019 019 NetVer 1 = IPV6. 0 = IPV4.

018 018 RcvAtn Detect Disable = RcvSta [RcvAtn] .

017 016 PktPri Packet priority.

015 000 Rbflid Receive Packet Id. (Dram packet buffer id.)

Receive Buffer

Bytes Name Description

??? :018 RcvDat Receive frame data begins here.

017 :016 Rsvd Zeroes .

015:012 TpzHsh Toeplitz hash.

011:011 Netlx Network header begins at offset Netlx.

010:010 Tptlx Transport header begins at offset Tptlx.

009:009 SktHsh Socket hash (Calc TBD) .

008:008 LnkHsh Link address hash (Crc16[5:0] ) .

007:006 TptChk Transport checksum.

005:004 RcvLen Receive frame byte count (Includes crc) .

003: 300 RcvSta Receive parse status .

Bits Name Description 031:031 RcvAtn Indicates that any of the following occurred:

A link error was detected.

An Ip error was detected.

A tcp or udp error was detected.

A link address match was not detected.

Ip version was not 4 and was not 6.



Ip fragmented and offset not zero.

An Ip multicast/broadcast address was detected.

030:025 TptEta Transport status field.

6'blx\_xxxx Transport error detected.

6'blo\_0011 Transport checksum error.

6'blo\_0010 Transport underflow error.

6'blo\_0001 Reserved .

6'blo\_0000 Transport header length error.

6'b0x\_xxxx — No transport error detected.

6'b0l\_xxxx Transport flags detected.

6'b0x lxxx = Transport options detected.

Receive Statistics Reg (RStatsR)

Bits Name Description

31:31 Type 0 - Receive vector.

30:27 Rsvd Zeroes.

26:26 802.3 Packet format was 802.3

2S:25 BCast Broadcast address detected.

24 :24 MCase Multicast address detected.

23:23 SvdDet Previous carrier detected.

22:22 LngEvt Long event detected.

21:21 PEarly Receive frame missed.

20:20 DEarly Receive mac queue overrun.

19:19 FcsErr Crc-error detected.

18:18 SymOdd Dribble-nibble detected.

17:17 SymErr Code-violation detected.

16:16 RcvAtn Copy of RcvSta (RcvAtn) .

15:00 RcvLen Receive frame size (includes crc)

Socket Descriptor Buffers (SDscBfs) 2K Pairs x 295b = 75520B

Buffer Word Format - IPV6: Bits Name Description

294:292 Rsvd Must be zero.

291:290 DmaCd DMA size indicator. 0-16B, 1-96B, 2-128B, 3-192B.

289:289 DetEn 1.

288:288 IpVer I-IpV6.

287:160 SrcAdr IpV6 Source Address.

159-032 DstAdr IpV6 Destination Address.

031-016 SrcPrt Tcp Source Port.

015-000 DstPrt Tcp Destination Port.

Buffer Word Format - IPV4 Pair- Bits Name Description

294 293 DmaCd Odd dscr DMA size indicator. 0-16B, 1-96B, 2-128B, 3-192B.

292 292 DetEn Odd dscr enable

291 290 DmaCd Even DMA size indicator. 0-16B, 1-96B, 2-128B, 3-192B.

299 289 DetEn Even dscr enable.

298 289 IpVer 0-IpV4.

287 192 Rsvd Reserved.

191 160 SrcAdr Odd IpVI Source Address.

159 128 DstAdr Odd IpV4 Destination Address.

127 112 SrcPrt Odd Tcp Source Port.

111 096 DstPrt Odd Tcp Destination Port.

095 064 SrcAdr Even IpV4 Source Address.

063 032 DstAdr Even IpV4 Destination Address.

031 016 SrcPrt Even Tcp Source Port.

015 000 DstPrt Even Tcp Destination Port.

Detect Command (DetCmdQ) ??? Entries x 32b

Descriptor Disable Format : Bits Name Description

31:30 CmdCd 0-DetDbl . 29:12 Rsvd Zeroes . 11:00 fcbld TCB identifier.

IPV6 Descriptor Load Format.

Bits Name Description

WORD 0

031:030 CmdCd 1-DscLd

029:029 DetEn 1.

028:028 IpVer I-IpV6.

027:011 Rsvd Don't Care.

013:012 DmaCd DMA size indicator. 0-16B, 1-96B, 2-128B, 3-192B. 011:000 Tcbld TCB identifier. WORD 1

031:016 SrcPrt Tcp Source Port. 015:000 DstPrt Tcp Destination Port. WORDS 5:2 127:000 DstAdr Ip Destination Address. WORDS 9:6 127:000 SrcAdr Ip Source Address.

IPV4 Descriptor Load Format: Bits Name Description

WORD 0

031:030 CmdCd 1-DscLd. 029:029 DetEn 1. 028 028 IpVer 0-IpV4. 027 :014 Rsvd Don ' t Care. 013:012 DmaCd DMA size indicator. 0-15B, 1-96B, 2-128B, 3-192B. 011- 000 Tcbld TCB identifier WORD 1 031:016 SrcPrt Tcp Source Port. 015:000 DscPrt Tcp Destination Port. WORD 2 031:000 DscAdr Ip Destination Address. WORD 3 031:000 SrcAdr Ip Source Address.

Descriptor Read Format: Bits Name Description

31:30 CmdCd 2-DscFd.

29:16 Rsvd Zeroes .

15:11 Wrdlx Descriptor word select.

10:00 WrdAd TCB identifier.

Event Push Format: Bits Name Description

31:30 CmdCd 3-DscRd 29:00 Event Rev Event Descriptor.

RcvSqr Event Queue (RSqEvtQ) ??? Entries x 32b

## Rev Event Format:

## Bits Name Description

31:31 EvtCd 0:RSqEvt

30:29 DmaCd If EvtCd==RSqEvt DMA size indicator. 0-16B, 1-96B, 2-128B, 3-192B.

28:28 SkRcv TCB identifier valid.

27:16 Tcbld TCB identifier.

15:00 RbflD Drm Buffer id.

## Cmd Event Format:

## Bits Name Description

31:31 EvtCd 1:CmdEvt

30:29 RspCd If EvtCd==CmdEvt . Cmd response code. 0-Rsvd, 1-DscRd, 2-EnbEvt, 3-blEvt.

29:28 SkRcv TCB identifier valid.

27: 16 Tcbld TCB identifier.

15:00 DscDat Requested SktDsc data.

## TRANSMIT SEQUENCER (XmtSqr/XSq)

The Transmit Sequencer is depicted in FIG. 33 in situ along with connecting modules. XmtSqr comprises the two functional modules; XmtCmdSqr and XmtFmtSqr. XmtCmdSqr fetches, parses and dispatches commands to the DrmCtl sub-module, XmtSrcSqr. XmtFmtSqr receives commands and data from the XmtDmaQ, parses the command, formats a frame and pushes it on to one of the XmtMacQs. Two modes of operation provide support for either a single ten-gigabit mac or for four one-gigabit macs

Transmit Packet Buffer (XmtPktBuf) 2KB, 4KB, 8KB or 16KB

## Bytes Name Description

EOB:000 XmtPay - Transmit packet payload.

## Transmit Configuration Register (XmtCfgR)

## Bits Name Description

31:31 Reset Force reset asserted to the transmit sequencer.

30:30 XmtEnb Allow formatting of transmit packets.

29:29 PseEnb Allow generation of 802.3X control packets.

28:16 PseCrt Pause value to insert in a control packet.

15:00 IpId Ip flow ID initial value.

## Transmit Vector Reg (RStatsR)

## Bits Name Description

31:28 Rsvd A copy of transmit-buffer descriptor-bits 31:28.

27:27 XmtDn Transmission of the packet was completed.

26:26 DAbort The packet was deferred in excess of 24,287 bit times.

25:25 Defer The packet was deferred at least once, and fewer than the limit.

24:24 CAbort Packet was aborted after CCount exceeded 15.

23:20 CCount Number of collisions incurred during transmission attempts.

19:19 CLate Collision occurred beyond the normal collision window (64B).

18:18 DLate XSq failed to provide timely data.

17:17 CtlPkt Packet was of the 802.3X control format. LnkTyp == 0x8808

16:16 BCast Packet's destination address was broadcast address.

15:15 MCast Packet's destination address was multicast address.

14:14 ECCErr ECC error detected during dram DMA

13:00 XmtLen Total bytes transmitted on the wire. 0 = 16KB.

Transmit Mac Queue (XmtMacQ) if (Type == Data) ( Bits Name Description

35:35 OddPar Odd parity

34:34 WrDTyp O-Data.

33:32 WrDSz 0-4 bytes. 1-3 bytes. 2-2 bytes. 3-1 bytes.

31:00 X-ntDat Data to transmit.

) else (

Bits Name Description

35 35 OddPar Odd parity. 34 34 WrDTyp 1-Status . 33 18 Rsvd Zeroes. 17 17 CtlPkt Packet was of the 802.3X control format. LnkTyp == 0x8808 16 16 BCast Packet's destination address was broadcast address. 15 15 MCast Packet's destination address was multicast address. 14 14 BCCErr ECC error detected during dram DMA.

13:00 XmtLen Total bytes to be transmitted on the wire. 0 = 16KB.

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Transmit High-Priority/Normal-Priority Queue (XmtUrgQ/XmtNmlQ)

Raw Send Descriptor'

Word Bits Name Command Block Description

00 31.30 CmdCd 0 RawPkt 29-16 XmtLen Total frame length 0 — 16KB. 15-00 XmtBuf Transmit Buffer id.

01 31:00 Rsvd Don't care.

03 31:00 Rsvd Don't care.

Checksum Insert Descriptor

Word Bits Name Command Block Description

00 31 30 CmdCd 1 ChkIns 29 16 XmtLen Total frame length. 0 == 16KB. 15 00 XmtBuf Transmit Buffer id.

01 31 i0 ChkDat Checksum insertion data. 15 08 Rsvd Zeroes 07 00 ChkAd Checksum insertion pointer expressed in 2B words.

02 31 00 Rsvd Don't care.

03 31 00 Rsvd Don't care.

Format Descriptor: Word Bits Name Command Block Description

00 31 30 CmdCd 2: Format

29 15 XmtLen Total frame length. 0 == 16KB.

15 00 XmtBuf Transmit Buffer id.

01 31 31 TiitiEnb Tcp timestamp option enable.

30- 30 TcpPsh Sets the tcp push fLag.

29: 29 TcpFin Sets the tcp finish flag.

28: 28 ipver 0:IpV4, 1:IpV6.

27: 27 LnkVln Vlan header format .

26.26 LnkSnp 802.3 Snap header format

25.25 PurAck Pure ack mode. XmtBuf is invalid and should not be recycled.

24: 19 lHdLen Ip header length in 4B dwords. 0 = 256B.

18: 12 PHdLen Protoheader length expressed in 2B words. 0 = 256B

11- 00 Tcbld Specifies a prototype header.

02 31. 16 TcpSum Tcp-header partial-checksum.

15 00 TcpWm Tcp-header window-size insertion-value.

03 31. 00 TcpSeq Tcp-header sequence insertion-value. 04 31.00 TcpAck Tcp-header acknowledge insertion-value. 05 31.00 TcpEch Tcp-header time-echo insertion-value. Optional: included if TimEnb="1".

06 31.00 TcpTim Tcp-header time-stamp insertion-value. Optional: included if TimEnb="1".

07 3L:00 Rsvd Don't care.

The transmit process steps are: o CPU pops a XmtBuf off of the XmtBufQ. o CPU pops a PxyBuf off of the PxyBufQ o CPU assembles a transmit descriptor in the PxyBuf. o CPU pushes a proxy command onto the PxyCmdQ. o PxySrcSqr pops the command off of the PxyCmdQ o PxySrcSqr fetches XmtCmd from PxyBuf. o PxySrcSqr pushes XmtCmd onto the specified XmtCmdQ o PxySrcSqr pushes PxyBuf onto the PxyBufQ o XmtCmdSqr pops the XmtCmd off the XmtCmdQ.

o XmtCmdSqr passes XmtCmd to the XmtSrcSqr o XmtSrcSqr pushes XmtCmd onto XmtDmaQ o XmtSrcSqr, if indicated, fetches prototype header from Drm and pushes onto XmtDmaQ. o XmtSrcSqr, if indicated, fetches transmit data from Drm and pushes onto XmtDmaQ. o XmtSrcSqr pushes ending status onto XmtDmaQ. o XmtFmtSqr pops XmtCmd off the XmtDmaQ and parses o XmtFmtSqr, if indicated, pops header off XmtDmaQ, formats it then pushes it onto the XmtMacQ o XmtFmtSqr, if indicated, pops data off XmtDmaQ and pushes onto the XmtMacQ o XmtFmtSqr pushes ending status onto XmtMacQ. o XmtFmtSqr, if indicated, pushes XmtBuf onto XmtBufQ.

#### CPU

FIG. 34 is a block diagram of a CPU The CPU utilizes a vertically-encoded, superpipelined, multi-threaded microarchitecture The pipelines stages are synonymous with execution phases and are assigned IDs Phs0 through Phs7 The threads are called virtual CPUs and are assigned IDs Cpuld0 through Cpuld7. All CPUs execute simultaneously but each occupies a unique phase during a given clock period The result is that a virtual CPU (thread) never has multiple instruction completions outstanding. This arrangement allows 100% utilization of the execution phases since it eliminates empty pipeline slots and pipeline flushing.

The CPU includes a Writable Control Store (WCS) capable of storing up to 8K instructions The instructions are loaded by the host through a mechanism described in the section Host Cpu Control Port Every virtual CPU (thread) executes instructions fetched from the WCS. The WCS includes parity protection which will cause the CPU to halt to avoid data corruption.

A CPU Control Port allows the host to control the CPU. The host can halt the CPUs and force execution at location zero Also, the host can write the WCS, check for parity errors and monitor the global cpu halt bit

A 2048 word Register File provides simultaneous 2-port-read and 1-port-write access. The File is partitioned into 41 areas comprising storage reserved for each of the 32 CPU contexts, each of the 8 CPUs and a global space The Register File is parity protected and thus requires initialization prior to usage. Reset disables parity detection enabling the CPU to initialize the File before enabling detection. Parity errors cause the CPU to halt.

Hardware support for CPU contexts facilitates usage of context specific resources with no microcode overhead. Register File and Global Ram addresses are automatically formed based on the current context Changing CPU contexts requires no saving nor restoration of registers and pointers Thirty-two contexts are implemented which allows CPU processing to continue while contexts sleep awaiting DMA completion

CPU snooping is implemented to aid with microcode debug CPU PC and data are exported via a multilane serial interface using an XGXS module. Refer to section XXXX and the SACI specification for additional information See section Snoop Port for additional information.

Local memory called Global Ram (GlbRam or GRm) is provided for immediate access by the CPUs. The memory is dual ported however, one port is inaccessible to the CPU and is reserved for use by the DMA Director (DMD). Global Ram allows each CPU cycle to perform a read or a write but not both Due to the delayed nature of writes, it is possible to have single instructions which perform both a read and a write, but instructions which attempt to read Global Ram immediately following an instruction which performs a write will result in a CPU trap. This memory is parity protected and requires initialization Reset disables parity detection. Parity errors cause the CPU to halt

Queues are integrated into the CPU utilizing a dedicated memory called Queue Ram (QueRAM or QRm). Similar to the Global Ram, the memory is dual ported but the CPU accesses only a single port DMD accesses the second port to write ingress and read egress queues containing data, commands and status. Care must be taken not to write any queue during an instruction immediately following an instruction reading any queue or a CPU trap will be performed. This memory is parity protected and must be initialized See section Queues for additional information.

A Lock Manager provides several locks for which requests are queued and honored in the order in which they were received. Locks can be requested or cleared through the use of flags or test conditions. Some flags are dedicated to locking specific functions. In order to utilize the Math Coprocessor a CPU must be granted a lock. The lock is monitored by the Coprocessor and must be set before commands will be accepted. This allows single instructions to request the lock, write the coprocessor registers and perform a conditional jump. Another lock is dedicated to ownership of the Slow Bus Controller. The remaining locks are available for user definition. See section Lock Manager for additional information.

An Event Manager has been included which monitors events requiring attention and generates vectors to expedite CPU servicing. The Event Manager is tightly integrated with the CPU and can monitor context state to mask context specific events. See section Event Manager for additional information.

#### Instruction Format

The CPU is vertically-microcoded. That is to say that the instruction is divided into ten fields with the control fields containing encoded values which select operations to be performed. Instructions are fetched from a writable-control-store and comprise the following fields.

#### Instruction Fields

##### Bits | Name | Description

95:93 | SqrCd | Program Sequencer Code.

92:92 | CCEnb | Condition Code Enable.

91:88 | AluOp | ALU Operation Code.

87:78 | SrcA | ALU Source Operand A Select.

77:68 | SrcB | ALU Source Operand B Select.

67:58 | DSt | ALU Destination Operand Select.

57:41 | AdLit | Global RAM Address Literal.

40:32 | TStCd | For Lpt, Rtt, Rtx and Jpt - Program Sequencer Test Code. FlgCd | For Cnt, Jmp, JsR and JsX - Flag Operation Code.

31:16 | LitHi | For Lpt, Cnt, Rtt and Rtx - Literal Bits 31:16. JrapAd | For Jmp, Jpt, JsR and JsX - Program Jump Address.

15:00 | LitLo | Literal Bits 15:00.

#### Program Sequence Control (SqrCd).

The SqrCd field in combination with DbgCtl determines the program sequence as defined in the following table.

#### Se uencer Codes

##### Condition Code Enable (CCEnb).

The CCEnb field allows the SvdCC register to be updated with the result of an ALU operation.

##### Condition Code Enable

##### Name CCEnb Description

CCUpd 1' b0 | Condition code update is disabled.

CCHld 1' b1 | Condition code update is enabled.

#### Alu Operations (AluOp).

The ALU performs 32-bit operations. All operations utilize two source operands except for the priority encode operation which uses only one and the add carry operation which uses the "C" bit of the SvdCC register.

#### Alu Operands (SrcA, SrcB, Dst).

All ALU operations require operands. Source operand codes provide the ALU with data on which to operate and destination operand codes direct the placement of the ALU product. Operand codes, names and descriptions are listed in the following tables: IO 'b000000XXXX (0:15) - CPU Unique Registers.

Each CPU uses its own unique instance of the following registers:

10 'b000001 OXXX (16:23) - Context Unique Registers.

Each of the thirtytwo CPU contexts has a unique instance of the following registers. Each CPU has a CpCxd register which selects a set of these registers to be read or modified when using the operand codes defined below. Multiple CPUs may select the same context register set but only a single CPU should modify a register to avoid conflicts

10' bOOOOOIOXX (24:28) - Aligned Registers.

These operands provide an alternate method of accessing a subset of those registers that have been defined previously which contain a field less than 32-bits in length. The operands allow reading and writing these previously defined registers using the alignment which they would have during use in composite registers.

Name [Opd[9: 0] IJDescription aCxCbf I<sup>24</sup> (13'bO, CxCBId[06:00] , 12' b0>, R/W. Aligned CxCBId. aCxHbf I 25 {15'bO, CxHBId[00:00] , 16' b0>, R/W. Aligned CxHBId. aCxDxs I 26 { 8'bO, CxDXId[02:00] , 21' b0>, R/W. Aligned CxDXId. aCpCfcx IL 22\_ { 4'bO, CpCxd[04:00] , 24' b0>, RO. Aligned CpCxd.

10' bOOOOOIlxx (28:31)- Composite Registers.

These operands provide an alternate method of accessing a subset of those registers that have been defined previously which contain a field less than 32-bits in length. The operands allow reading and writing various composites of these previously defined registers. This has the effect of reading and merging or extracting and writing several registers with a single instruction.

Name [Opd[9: 0] Description

CpsRgA JI<sup>28</sup> (aCpCtx I aCxDxs ) , RO.

CpsRgB II 29 (aCpCtx I aCxDxs I aCxHbf ) , RO.

CpsRgC II 30 (aCpCtx I aCxDxs I aCxCbf CxTcd) , RO.

CpsRgD II 31 (aCpCtx I aCxDxs I NEQPtr) , RO.

10' b00001000XX, 10' bOOOOIOOIOX (32:37) - Instruction Literals.

These source operands facilitate various modes of access of the instruction literal fields.

Name Opd[9 :0] Description

LitSRO 32 {16'hOOOO, LitLo } , RO.

LitSRI 33 {16'hffff, LitLo } , RO.

LitSLO 34 (LitLo, 16 hOOOO) , RO.

LitSLI 35 (LitLo, 16 hffff), RO.

LitLrg 36 (LitHi, LitLo >, RO.

AdrLit I 37 (15'h0000, AdLi tl , RO.

10' bOOOOIOOIIIX (38:39) - Slow Bus Registers.

These operands provide access to the Slow Bus Controller. See Slow Bus Subsystem for a more detailed description.

Name [Opd[9: 0] Description

SlwDat ({SlwDat [31 : 00] >, wo. Slow Bus Data.

SlwAdr II<sup>38</sup>

II<sup>39</sup> [{SglSel[3: 0] , RegSel [27: 00] } , WO. Slow Bus Address.

10' bOOOOIOIXXX (40:47) - Context and Event Control Registers.

These operands facilitate control of CPU events and contexts. See the section Event Manager for a more detailed description.

I Name [Opd [ 9 : 0]]Description

I CtxIdl 40 CtxIdl [31 : 00] ) , RAV Idling Context Flags

CfcxSlp 41 CtxSlp[31 -00] ) , R/W Sleeping Context Flags

CtxBsy 42 CtxBsy [31- 00] ) , R/W Busy Context Flags

CtxSvr 43 1(2VbO, CtxIdl[04:00] ) , RO Free Context Server

EvtDbl ||{20'b0, EvtBit (11:00) }, WO. Global Event Disable Bits.

EvtEnb ||{20'b0, EvtBittl.OO} ), R/W Global Event Enable Bits

45 :3'b0, Ctx[4:0], 20'b0, Vec [ 3 : 0] }, RO. Event Vector

46 JL DmdE r r [ 31 : 00 ) ), R/W Dmd DMA Context Err Flags

Rsvd 47 iReserved

10' bOOOOIIXXXX (48:63) - TCB Manager Registers.

These operands facilitate control of TCB and Cache Buffer state. See the section TCB Manager for a more detailed description.

10' bOOOIIOOXXX (64:71) CPU Debug Registers.

These operands facilitate control of CPUs See the section Debug Control for a more detailed description

Name J0pd[9: 0] ([Description |

CpuHlt || 64 ||WO. CPU Halt bits |

CpuRun || 65 ||WO. CPU Run bits. |

CpuStp || 66 ||WO. CPU Step bits. |

CpuDbg || 67 ||WO. CPU Debug bits. |

TgrSet || 68 |Trigger Flag set bits. Bit per cpu plus one global. |

TgrClr || 69 ||trigger Flag clr bits. Bit per cpu plus one global. |

DbgOpd || 70 ||WO. Debug Operands. |

DbgDat || 71 ||R/W. Debug Data. |

10'b00010010XX (72:75) -Math Coprocessor Registers.

These operands facilitate control of the Math Coprocessor. See the section Math Coprocessor for a more detailed description

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10' bOOOIIOIXXXX (80:95) - Sequence Servers.

There are eight incrementers which will provide a sequence to the CPU when read. They allow multiple CPUs to take sequences without the need for locking, modifying and unlocking. The servers are paired such that one functions as a request sequence and the other functions as a service sequence. Refer to test conditions for more info. Alternatively, the sequence servers can be treated independantly. A server can be read at its primary or secondary address. Reading the server with its secondary address causes the server to post increment. Wrtting a server causes the server to initialize to zero.

I Name || Opd[9:I] | [Description

I Seq8 || 10' bOOOIIOIXXXX J||24'b0, Sβq8[07:00] ), R/W, Inc = Opd [0] .

I Seq16 || 10' bOOOIIOIXXXX J||16'b0, Seq8[15:00] ), R/W, Inc = Opd[0] .

10' bOOOHXXXXX (96:127) -Reserved.

10' bOOIOXXXXXX , 10' bOOIOXXXXXX (128:223) - Constants. Constants provide an alternative to using the instruction literal field

10' bOOIIIOXXXX, 10' bOOIIIOOXX, 10' bOOIIIOIOX (224:244) - Reserved.

10' bOOIIIOIIX (245:246) - NIC Event Queue Servers.

Bunch of verbage here. NEQId = CpQId[2:0].

Name | Opd[9:0] Description

EvtSq 10' bOOIIIOIIO (RlsSeq[NEQId] [15:0], WrtSeq[NEQId] (15 :0]), R/W.



EvtAd 10' bOOIIIIOIII (NEQId, WrtSeq [NEQId] [NEQSz: 00] ), RO, autoincrements if WrtSeq != RlsSeq;

EvtAd 10' bOOIIIIOIII ( RlsSeq[15: 00] , 16'bO> WO.

10' bO 01 LIIIXXX , 10' bOIOXXXXXXX (248:383) - Queue Registers.

These operands facilitate control of the queues. See the section Queues for a more detailed description

Name Opd[9:0] Description

Rsvd 10' bOOIIIIOOX Reserved.

QSBfS 10' bOOIIIIOIO R, QId =(2' bO, CpCId) . SysBufQ status.

QSBfD 10' bOOIIIIOII RW, QId = {2' bO, CpCId) . SysBufQ data.

QRspS R, QId =(2' bl, CpCId) . DmdRspQ status.

QRspD RW, QId = (2' bl, CpCId) . DmdRspQ data.

QCpuS J QId = CpQId. Queue status-indirect.

QCpuD 10' I K |RWZ, QId = CpQId. Queue data-indirect.

QlromS 10' bOIOIOXXXXX QId =(1' bl,Opd[4:0] ) Queue status-direct.

QlrmnD 10' boionxxxxx KZ QId ={1- bl,Opd[4:0] ) Queue data-direct.

10' bOIIXXXXXXX (384:511) - Global Ram Operands.

These operands provide multiple methods to address Global Ram. The last three operands support automatic post-incrementing. The increment is controlled by the operand select bit Opd[3] and takes place after the address has been compiled. All operands utilize bits [2:0] to control byte swapping and size as shown below.

Opd (2:2) Transpose: 0-NoSwap, I-Swap Opd[1:0] DataSize: C-4B, 1-3B, 2-2B, 3-1B

Hardware detects conditions where reading or writing of data crosses a word boundary and cause the program counter to load with the trap vector. The following shows how address and Opd[2:0] affect the Global Ram data presented to the ALU.

Transpose ByteOffset GRmData 4B 3B 2B 1B

0 0 abed abed Obcd OOcd 00Od

0 1 abcX trap Oabc OObc 000c

0 2 abXX trap trap 00ab 000b

0 3 aXXX trap trap trap 000a

1 0 abed dcba Odcb OOdc 00Od

1 1 abcX trap Ocba OObc 000c

1 2 abXX trap trap 00ba 000b

1 3 aXXX trap trap trap 000a

The following shows how address and Opd[2:0] affect the ALU data presented to the Global Ram.

Transpose DataSize AluOut OF=0 OF=1 OF=2 OF=3

0 4B abed abed trap trap trap

0 3B Xbcd -bed bcd- trap trap

0 2B XXcd -cd -cd- Cd-- trap

0 1B XXXd d -d- -d- d

1 4B abed dcba trap trap trap

1 3B Xbcd -deb dcb- trap trap

1 2B XXcd -de -dc- dc-- trap

1 IB XXXd ---d -d- -d- d

Global Ram Operands - continued.

Name Opd[9:0] Description

Rsvd 10 'bOIIIOOXXXXX Reserved.

GTRQWr 10 'bOHOIOOXXXX GCchBf + CxCctI[TRQWrSq]; WO, Write to TCB receive queue.

GTRQRd 10 'bOHOIOOXXXX GCchBf + CxCctI[TRQRdSq], RO, Read from TCB receive queue.

GTBMap 10 'bOHOIOOXXXX TCB Bit Map. GRm[ TMapBs + (CkTcd»5) ] ;

GLitAd 10 'bOHOIOOXXXX Global Ram. GRm [AdLit] ;

GCchBf 10 'bOIIIOIXXXX Cache Buffer. GRm[CchBBs + (CxCbId \* CchBSz) + AdLit];

GDmaBf 10 'bOIIIOOXXXX DMA descriptor. GRm[DmaBBs + (CpCxlId, CxDXId, 4' b0} + AdLit];

GHdrBf 10 'bOIIIOIXXXX Header Buffer. GRm[HdrBBs + ( {CpCxlId, CxHbId} \* HdrBSz) + AdLit],

GHdrIx 10 'bOIIIOIXXXX Header Buffer indexed. If Opd[3] CpHblx ++; GRmfGHdrBf + CpHblx],

GCtrAd 10 'bOIIIOIXXXX Global Ram ctx address. If Opd[3] CxGRAd ++; GRm[CxGRAd + AdLit];

GCpuAd 10 'bOIIIOIXXXX Global Ram cpu address. If Opd[3] CpGRAd ++; GRm[CpGRAd + AdLit];

10 ' bIXXXXXXXXXXX (512:1023) - Register File Operands.

These operands provide multiple methods to address the Register File The Register File has three partitions comprising CPU space, Context space and Shared space

Name Opd[9:0] Description

FCxWin 10 'bLOOXXXXXXXX Context File Window. RFI[CxFIBs + (CpCxlId \* CxFISz) + OpdX[5:0]];

FCpWin 10 'bLOIIOXXXXXXXX CPU File Window. RFI[CpFIBs + (Cpld \* CpFISz) + OpdX[S:0]];

FCxFAd 10 'bLOIIOXXXXXXXX Context File Address . RFI [CxFIAd + OpdX [5:0]];

FCpFAd 10 'bLOHXXXXXXXX CPU File Address. RFI[CpFIAd + OpdX [ 5 : 0 ] ] ;

FShWin 10 'bLIXXXXXXXXX Shared File \ "Jindow. RFI[ShFIBs + OpdX [5:0]];

Global Ram Address Literal (AdLit).

This field supplies a literal which is used in forming an address for accessing Global Ram.

Name [(Description

AdX.it [|AdL-,t [ 16 - 0 ]

Test Operations (TstCd).

Instruction bits [40:32] serve as the FlgCd and TstCd fields. They serve as the TstCd for Lpt, Rtt, Rtx and Jpt instructions TstCd[8] forces an inversion of the selected test result. Test codes are defined in the following table.

Test Codes

Name TstCd[7:0] Description

True 0 Always true.

CurC32 1 Current alu carry.

CurV32 2 Current alu overflow.

CurN32 3 Current alu negative.

CurZ32 4 Current 32b zero.

CurZ64 5 Current 64b zero. (CurZ32 & SvdZ32) ;

CurULE 6 Current unsigned less than or equal . (CurZ32 |~CurC32);

CurSLT 7 Current signed less than. (CurN32 " CurV32) ;

CurSLE 8 Current signed less than or equal. (CurN32 ^ CurV32) I CurZ32;

SvdC32 9 Saved alu carry.

SvdV32 10 Saved alu overflow.

SvdN32 11 Saved alu negative.

SvdZ32| 12 Saved 32b zero.

SvdULE 13 Saved unsigned less than or equal. (SvdZ32 I ~SvdC32) ;

SvdSLT| 14 Saved signed less than. (SvdN32 ~ SvdV32) ;

SVdSLEj 15 Saved signed less than or equal. (SvdN32 ^ SvdV32) I SvdZ32;

SeqTstI bOOOIOXXX Sequence Server test. TstCd[|:0] selects one of 4 pairs.

MthErr 20 Math Coprocessor error. Divide by 0 or multiply overflow.

MthBsy 21 Math Coprocessor busy.

NEQRdy 22 NEQRIsSq[NEQId] ' = NEQWrtSeq [NEQId] .

Rsvd 22:159 Reserved.

AluBit 8' bIOIXXXX Test alu data bit. AluDt [TstOp[4:0]] ;

LkITst 8' bIIIOXXXX Test immediate lock. LockI [T3tOp[4 :0]] ;

LkIReq 8' bIIIOXXXX Request and test immediate lock. LockI [TstOp[4 :0]] ;

LkQTat 8' bIIIOXXXX Test queued lock. LockQ[TstOp [4 :0]] ;

LkQReq 8' bIIIIXXXX Request and test queued lock. LOCKQ[TStOp [4 :0]] ;

Flag Operations (FlgCd).

Instruction bits[40:32] serve as the FlgCd and TstCd fields. They serve as the FlgCd for Cnt, Jmp, Jsr and Jsx instructions. Flag codes are defined in the following table.

Flag Codes

Name FlgCd[8:0] Description

Rsvd 0- 127 Reserved .

LdPc 128 Reserved.

Rsvd 129: 191 Reserved.

LkIClr 9 'bOHOOXXXX Clear immediate lock. See section Lock Manager .

LkIReq 9 'bOHIOXXXX Request immediate lock. See section Lock Manager.

LkQClr 9 'bOIIIOXXXX Clear queued lock. See section Lock Manager .

LkQReq 9 'bOIIIIXXXX Request queued lock. See section Lock Manager.

Rsvd 256:511 Reserved.

Jump Address (JmpAd).

Instruction bits [31 : 16] serve as the JmpAd and LitHi fields. They serve as the JmpAd for Jmp, Jpt, Jsr and Jsx instructions.

Name [Description

JmpAd pmpAd [ 15 : 001

Literal High (LitHi).

Instruction bits [31: 16] serve as the JmpAd and LitHi fields. They serve as the LitHi for Lpt , Cnt , Rtt and Rtx instructions. LitHi can be used with LitLo to form a 32-bit literal.

l Name l pescription

l LitHi ||Li tHi [ 15 : 00 ] ;

Literal Low (LitLo).

Instruction bits [15:00] serve as the LitLo field.

Name [[Description

LitLo ||Li tLo [ 15 : 00 ] ;

CPU Control Port

The host requires a means to halt the CPU, download microcode and force execution at location zero That means is provided by the CPU Control Port. The port also allows the host to monitor CPU status.

SACI Port.

FIG 35 shows a Snoop Access and Control Interface (SACI) Port that facilitates the exporting of snooped data from the CPU to an external device for storage and analysis This is intended to function as an aid for the debugging of microcode A snoop module monitors CPU signals as shown in FIG. 35 then presents the signals to the XGXS module for export to an external adaptor. The "Msc" signal group includes the signals ExeEnb, CpuTgT, GlbTgr and a reserved signal. A table can specify the snoop data arid the order in which it is exported for the four possible configurations

DEBUG (Dbg)

Describe function of debug registers here

Halt, run, stop, debug, trigger, debug operand and debug data.

Debug Operand allows the selection of the AluSrcB and AluDst operands for CPU debug cycles.

Debug Source Data is wrtten to by the debug master Can be specified in AluSrcB field of DbgOpd to force writing of data to destination specified in AluDst This mechanism can be used to push on to the stack or PC or

CPU specific registers which are otherwise not accessable to the debug master.

Debug Destination Data is wrtten to by the debug slave Is specified in AluDst field of DbgOpd to force saving of data specified in the AluSrcB field This allows reading from the stack or PC or CPU specific register which are otherwise not accessable to the debug master

LOCK MANAGER (LckMgr/LMg)

A Register Transfer Language (RTL) description of a lock manager is shown below, and a block diagram of the lock manager is shown in FIG. 36

```
reg RstLQ; wire LclRstL = ScanMd ? RstL : RstLQ; always @ (posedge Clk or negedge RstL) if(!RstL) RstLQ <= 0; else
RstLQ <= !SoftRst;
```

//Cpu Id.

//Cpuld is used to determine which cpu's lock or service requests to service.

always @ (posedge Clk or negedge LclRstL) begin if ('LclRstL)

Cpuld <= 0; else

Cpuld <= Cpuld + 1; end

\*\*\*\*\*/

//Cpu Lock Requests

//CpLckReq re-circulates . It is serviced at phase 0 only, where it may be set or cleared.

```
/***** / always @ (posedge Clk or
negedge LclRstL) begin if ('LclRstL) for (iPhs=0; iPhs<"qCpus ; iPhs=iPhs-1 ) CpLckReq [iPhs] <= 0; else for (iLck=0;
iLck<"qLocks ; iLck=iLck+1 ) begin if (LckCyc S (Lckld-iLck) )
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CpLckReq[0] [iLck] <= LckSet; else

CpLckReq[0] [iLck] <= CpLckReq [ 'qCpus -1] [iLck] ; for UPhS=1; iPhs< qCpus ; iPhs=iPhs+1)

CpLckReq[iPhs] ( iLck] <= CpLckReq[iPhs-1 ] [ iLck] ; end end

//Cpu Service Pending

//CpSvcPnd is set or cleared in phase 1 only. CpSvcPnd is always forced set if

CpLckReq is set.

//CpSvcPnd remains set until CpLckReq is reset and the output of CpSvcQue indicates that the current

//cpu is being serviced.

/----- always @ (posedge Clk or negedge LclRstL) begin if ('LclRstL) for (iPhs=0; iPhs< qCpus ; iPhs=iPhs+1) CpSvcPnd ( iPhs) <= 0;

e lse begin

CpSvcPndfO] <- CpSvcPnd[ "qCpus -11; for (iLck=0; iLck< qLocks; iLck=iLck+1) begin if ('CpLckReq(O) [iLck] & CpSvcVld [0] [ iLck] & <Cpuld==CpSvcQue [0] [ iLck] ) ) CpSvcPnd(i) (iLck) <= 'b0; else

CpSvcPnd(i) [iLck] <= CpSvcPnd[O] [iLck] | CpLckReq[O] [ iLck] ; for (iPhs=2; iPhs< qCpus ; iPhs=iPhs+1)

CpSvcPnd[iPhs] [iLck] <= CpSvcPnd [ iPhs-1 ] [ iLck] ; end end end

//Service Queues

//CpSvcQue is modified at phase 1 only. There is a CpSvcQue per lock. The output of CpSvcQue

//indicates which cpu req/rls is to be serviced. When the corresponding cpu is at phase 1 it's

//CpLckReq as examined and if reset will cause a shift out cycle for the CpSvcQue.

If the current

//cpu is different from the CpSvcQue output and a Cpuld has not yet been entered in to the CpSvcQue

//as indicated by CpSvcPnd, then the current Cpuld will be written to the

CpSvcQue

always @ (posedge Clk or negedge LclRstL) if (iLclRstL) for (iLck=0; iLck< qLocks; iLck=iLck+1) begin for (iEntry=0, iEntry< 'qLockRqrs, iEntry=iEntry+1) begin CpSvcQue [iEntry] [ iLck] <= 0; CpSvcVld[iEntry] [iLck] <= 0; end end else for (iLck=0; iLck< qLocks, iLck=iLck+1) begin if ( 'CpLckReq[O] [iLck] ) begin if (CpSvcVld[O] [iLck] & <& (CpSvcQue(O) [iLck] ~^ Cpuld))) begin for (iEntry=0; iEntry< ( qLockRqrs-1) ; iEntry=iEntry+1) begin CpSvcQue [ iEntry] [iLck] <= CpSvcQue (iEntry+1) [iLck] , 'CpSvcVld[iEntry] [iLck] <= CpSvcVld [iEntry+1] [iLck] ; end for (iEntry= ( "qLockRqrs- 1 ) ; iEntry< qLockRqrs, iEntry=iEntry+1) begin CpSvcQue [iEntry] [iLck] <= C, CpSvcVld[iEntry] [iLck] <= 0, end end end else begin if ( 'CpSvcPnd[O] [iLck] ) begin for (iEntry=0, iEntry<1, iEntry=iEntry+1) begin if UCpSvcVldUEntry [iLck] ) begin CpSvcQue [iEntry] [iLck] <= Cpuld; CpSvcVldUEntry [iLck] <= 'b1; end end

for (iEntry=1; iEntry< 'qLockRqrs; iEntry=iEntry+1) begin if ( 'CpSvcVld[iEntry] [iLck] S CpSvcVld (iEntry-1) [iLck] ) begin CpSvcQue (iEntry) [iLck] <= Cpuld; CpSvcVld [iEntry] [iLck] <= 'b1; end end end end end

//Lock Grants

//LckGnt is set or cleared in phase 1 only. LckGnt is set if CpSvcQue indicates that the current cpu is

// being service and CpLckReq is set.

always @ (posedge Clk or negedge LclRstL) begin if (iLclRstL)

LckGnt <= 0; else for (iLck=0; iLck<"qLocks; iLck=iLck+1) begin if ( CpLckReq[0] [iLck] S CpSvcVld [ 0 ] [iLck] S (CpSvcQue [0] [ iLck] ==Cpuld) ) LckGnt [iLck] <= 'b1; else if ( CpLckReq[0] [iLck] & 'CpSvcVld [0] [ iLck] ) LckGnt [iLck] <= 'b1; else

LckGnt [iLck] <= 'b0; end end

//My Lock; Test

//MyLck is serviced m phase 3 only.

always @ (posedge Clk or negedge LclRstL) begin if (iLclRstL)

MyLck <= 0; else

MyLck <= LckGnt [TstSel] ; end endmodule

SLOWBUS CONTROLLER

The slow bus controller comprises a Slow Data Register (SlwDat), a Slow Address Register (SlwAdr) and a Slow Decode Register (SlwDec). SlwDat sources data for a 32-bit data bus which connects to registers within each of Sahara's functional modules. The SlwDec decodes the SlwAdr[SglSel] bits asserts CfgLd signals which are subsequently synchronized by their target modules then used to enable loading of the target register selected by the SlwDec[RegSel] bits.

Multiple cycles are required for setup of SlwDat to the destination registers because the SlwDat bus is heavily loaded. Because of this, only a single CPU can access slow registers at a given time. This access is moderated

by a queued lock. Queued lock xx must be acquired before a CPU can successfully write to slow registers. Failure to obtain the lock will cause the write to be ignored. The eight level pipeline architecture of the CPU ensures that a single CPU will allow eight clock cycles of setup and hold for slow data. A minimum of three destination clock cycles are needed to ensure that data is captured. This means that if the destination to CPU clock frequency ratio is less than .375 ( $\text{SqrClkFrq}/\text{CpuClkFrq}$ ) then a delay must be inserted between steps 2 and 3, and steps 4 and 5. The CPU ucode should perform the steps shown in FtG. 37.

Insert module select and register select and register definition tables here.

#### Dispatch Queue Base (CmdQBs)

GlbRam address at which the first Dispatch Queue resides. Used by the CPU while writing to a dispatch queue and by DMA Dispatcher while reading for a dispatch queue

#### Bits Name Description

31 - 17 Rsvd Ignored .

16 - 00 CmdQBs Start of GRm based Dispatch Queues . Bits [ 9 : 0 ] are always zeroes

#### Response Queue Base (EvtQBs)

GlbRam address at which the first Response Queue resides. Used by the CPU while reading from a response queue and by DMA Response Sequencer while writing to a response queue

#### Bits Name Description

31 - 17 Rsvd Ignored .

16 : 00 EvtQBs start of GRm based Response Queues . Bits [ 9 : 0 ] are always zeroes .

#### DMA Descriptor Base (DmaBBs)

GlbRam address at which the first DMA Descriptor resides. Used by the CPU, DMA Dispatcher and DMA Response Sequencer.

#### Bits Name Description

31.17 Rsvd Ignored.

16.00 DmaBBs Start of GRm based DMA Descriptors. Bits[9:0] are always zeroes.

#### Header Buffer Base (HdrBBs)

GlbRam address at which the first Header Buffer resides. Used by the CPU and DMA Dispatcher.

#### Bits Name Description

31 - 17 Rsvd Ignored .

16 - 00 HdrBBs Start of GRm based Header Buffers . Bits ( 9 : 0 ) are always zeroes .

#### Header Buffer Size (HdrBSz)

Size of the Header Buffers. Used by the CPU and DMA Dispatcher to determine the GlbRam location of successive Header Buffers. An entry of 0 indicates a size of 256

#### Bits Name Description

31:08 Rsvd Ignored

07:00 HdrBSz Size of GRm based Header Buffers. Bits (4:0) are always zeroes.

#### TCB Map Base (TMapBs)

GlbRam address at which the TCB Bit Map resides. Used by the CPU.

#### Bits Name Description

31:17 Rsvd Ignored.

16:00 TMapBs Start of GRm based TCB Bit Map. Bits[9:0) are always zeroes.

Cache Buffer Base (CchBBs)

GlbRam address at which the first Cache Buffer resides Used by the CPU and DMA Dispatcher

Bits Name Description

31:17 Rsvd Ignored.

16:00 CchBBs Start of GRm based Cache Buffers. Bits[9:0) are always zeroes.

Cache Buffer Size (CchBSz)

Size of the Cache Buffers. Used by the CPU and DMA Dispatcher to determine the GlbRam location of successive Cache Buffers and by the DMA Dispatcher to determine the amount of data to copy from dram TCB Buffers to Cache Buffers. An entry of 0 indicates a size of 2KB.

Bits Name Description

31:11 Rsvd Ignored.

10:00 CchBSz Size of GRm based Cache Buffers. Bits[6:0) are always zeroes.

Host Receive SGL Pointer Index (SglPlx)

Location of SGL Pointers relative to the start of a Cache Buffer. Used by the DMA Dispatcher to fetch the RcvSglPtr or XmtSglPtr during SGL mode operation.

Bits Name Description

31:09 Rsvd Ignored.

08:00 SglPlx Offset of RcvSglPtr. Bits[3:0) are always zeroes.

Memory Descriptor Index (MemDscIx)

Location of the Next Receive Memory Descriptor relative to the start of a Cache Buffer. Used by the DMA Dispatcher to specify a data destination address during SGL mode operation.

Bits Name Description

31:09 Rsvd Ignored.

08:00 MemDscIx Offset of RcvMemDsc. Bits [3:0) are always zeroes.

Receive Queue Index (TRQIx)

Start of the Receive Queue relative to the start of a Cache Buffer. Used by the DMA Dispatcher for TCB mode operations to specify the amount of data to be copied. Used by the CPU to formulate Receive Queue read and write addresses.

Bits Name Description

31 : 09 Rsvd Ignored .

08 : 00 TRQIx Of fset of TcbRcvLis . Bits [ 3 0 ) are always zeroes .

Receive Queue Size (TRQSz)

Size of the Receive Queue. Used by the DMA Dispatcher for TCB mode operations to specify the amount of data to be copied. Used by the CPU to determine roll-over boundaries for Receive Queue Write Sequence and Receive Queue Read Sequence. An entry of 0 indicates a size of 1KB.

Bits Name Description

31:09 Rsvd Ignored.

08:00 TRQSz Size of TEQ. Bits(3:0) are always zeroes.

TCB Buffer Base (TcbBBs)

Host address at which the first TCB resides. Used by the DMA Dispatcher to formulate host addresses during

TCB mode operations.

**Bits Name Description**

63:00 TcbBBs Start of Host based TCBs. Bits[10:0] are always zeroes.

**Dram Queue Base (DrmQBs)**

Dram address at which the first dram queue resides. Used by the Queue Manager to formulate dram addresses during queue body read and write operations.

**Bits Name Description**

31:28 Rsvd Ignored.

27:00 DrmQBs Start of dram based queues. Bits[17:0] are always zeroes.

**MATH COPROCESSOR (MCp)**

Sahara contains hardware to execute divide/multiply operations. There is only 1 set of hardware so only one processor may be using it at any one time.

The divider is used by requesting QLck[0] while writing to the dividend register. If the lock is not granted then the write will be inhibited, permitting a single instruction loop until the lock is granted. The operation is then initiated by writing to the divisor register which will cause test condition MthBsy to assert. When complete, MthBsy status will be reset and the result can be read from the quotient and dividend register.

Divide is executed sequentially 2 bits at a time. The number of clocks taken is actually deterministic, assuming the sizes of the operands are known. For divide, the number of cycles taken can be calculated as follows:

MSJBit dividend = bit position of most significant 1 bit in dividend

MS\_Bit\_divisor = bit position of most significant 1 bit in divisor

Number of clocks to complete =  $MS\_Bit\_dividend/2 - MS\_Bit\_divisor/2 + 2$

So if, for instance, we know that the dividend is less than 64K (fits in bits 15-0) and the divisor may be as small as 2 (represented by bit 1), then the maximum number of clocks to complete is  $15/2 - 1/2 + 2 = 7 - 0 + 2 = 9$  cycles

The multiply is performed by requesting QLck[0] while writing to the multiplicand register. If the lock is not granted then the write will be inhibited, permitting a single instruction loop until the lock is granted. The operation is then initiated by writing to the multiplier register which will cause test condition MthBsy to assert. When complete, MthBsy status will be reset and the result can be read from the product register.

Multiply time is only dependent on the size of the multiplier. The number of cycles taken for multiply may be calculated by

MS\_Bit\_multiplier = bit position of most significant 1 bit in multiplier Number of clocks to complete =  $MS\_Bit\_multiplier / 2 + 1$

So to multiply by a 16 bit number would take  $(15/2 + 1)$  or 8 clocks

**Queues**

The Queues are utilized by the CPU for communication with modules or between processes. There is a dedicated Queue Ram which holds the queue data. The queues can be directly accessed by the CPU without need for issuing commands That is to say that the CPU can read or write a queue with data The instruction which performs the read or write must perform a test to determine if the read or write was successful

There are three types of queues Ingress queues hold information which is passing from a functional module to the CPU. FIG. 38 shows an Ingress Queue. Egress queues hold information which is passing from the CPU to a functional module FIG 39 shows an Egress Queue. Local queues hold information which is passing between processes that are running on the CPU

**EVENT MANAGER (EvtMgr/EMg)**

Events and CPU Contexts are inextricably bound DMA response and run events invoke specific CPU Contexts while all other events demand the allocation of a free CPU Context for servicing to proceed. FIG. 40 shows an Event Manager The Event Manager combines CPU Context management with event management in order to

reduce idle loop processing to a minimum. EvtMgr implements context control registers which allow the CPU to force context state transitions. Current context state can be tested or forced to idle, busy or sleep. Free context allocation is also made possible through the CtxSvr register which provides single cycle servicing of requests without a need for spin-locks.

Event control registers provide the CPU a method to enable or disable events and to service events by providing vector generation with automated context allocation. Events serviced, listed in order of priority, are:

Q ErrEvt - DMA Error Event .



Q RspEvt - DMA Completion Event. α BRQEvt - System Buffer Request Event α RunEvt - Run Request Event.

□ DbgEvt - Debug Event.

□ FW3Evt - Firmware Event 3.

Q HstEvt - Slave Write Event.

Q TmrEvt - Interval Timer Event.

□ FW2Evt - Firmware Event 2.

D FSMEvt - Finite State Machine Event.

Q RSqEvt - RcvSqr Event.

□ FWIEvt - Firmware Event 1.

□ CmdEvt - Command Ready Event.

D LnkEvt - Link Change Event .

Q FWOEvt - Firmware Event 0.

Q ParEvt - ECC Error Event.

EvtMgr prioritizes events and presents a context to the CPU along with a vector to be used for code branching. Event vectoring is accomplished when the CPU reads the Event Vector (EvtVec) register which contains an event vector in bits [3:0] and a CPU Context in bits [28:24]. The instruction adds the retrieved vector to a vector-table base-address constant, loading the resulting value into the program counter, thereby accomplishing a branch-relative function. The instruction actually utilizes the CpCxd destination operand along with a flag modifier which specifies the pc as a secondary destination. The actual instruction would appear something like: fdd EvtVec VTblAdr CpCxd, FlgLdPc ; //Vector into event table .

EvtVec is an EvtMgr register, VTblAdr is the instruction address where the vector table begins, CpCxd is current CPU's context ID register and FlgLdPc specifies that the alu results also be written to the program counter. The final effect is for the CPU Context to be switched and the event to be decoded within a single cycle. A single exception exists for the RunEvt for which the EvtVec register does not provide the needed context for resumes.

Reading the EvtVec register causes the event type associated with the current event vector to be disabled by clearing it's corresponding bit in the Event Enable register (EvtEnb) or in the case of a RspEvt, by setting the context to the busy state. The effect is to inhibit duplicate event service, until explicitly enabled at a later time. The event type may be re-enabled by writing it's bit position in the EvtEnb register or CtxSlp register. The vector table takes the following form.

Vec Event Instruction

0 RspEvt Mov DmdRspQ CpRgXX Rtx;r //Save DMA response and re-enter.

1 3RQEvt Jmp BRQEvtSvc; //

2 RunEvt Mov CtxRunQ CpCxd Jmp RunEvtSvc; //Save run event descriptor.

3 DbgEvt Jmp DbgEvtSvc; //

A FW3Evt Jmp FW3EvtSvc; //

5 HstEvt Mov HstEvtQ CpRgXX Jmp HstEvtSvc; //Save lower 32 bits of descriptor

6 TmrEvt Jmp TmrEvtSvc; //

1 FW2Evt Jmp FW2EvtSvc; //

8 FSMEvt Mov FSMEvtQ CpRgXX Jmp FSMEvtSvc; //Save FSM event descriptor.

9 RSqEvt Mov RSqEvtQ CpRgXX Jmp RspEvtSvc; //Save event descriptor.

A FWIEvt Jmp FWIEvtSvc; //

B CmdEvt Mov HstCmdQ CpRgXX Jmp CmdRdySvc; //Save command descriptor.

C LnkEvt Jmp LnkEvtSvc; //

D FWOEvt Jmp FWOEvtSvc; //

E ParEvt Jmp ParEvtSvc; //

F NulEvt Jmp IdleLoop; //No event detected.

EvtMgr provides an event mask for each of the CPUs. This allows ucode to configure each CPU with a unique mask for the purpose of distributing the load for servicing events. Also, a single CPU can be defined to service utility functions.

RSqEvt and CmdEvt priorities can be shared. Each time the EvtMgr issues RSqEvt or CmdEvt in response to an EvtVec, the issued event is assigned the least of the two priorities while the other event is assigned the greater of the two priorities thus ensuring fairness. This is accomplished by setting PnTgl each time RSqEvt is issued.

#### Idle Contexts Register (CtxIdl)

##### Bit Description

31:00 R/W - CtxIdl [31:00] Set by writing "1". Cleared by writing CtxBsy or CtxSlp.

#### Busy Contexts Register (CtxBsy)

##### Bit Description

31:00 R/W - CtxBsy [31:00] . Set by writing "1" Cleared by writing CtxIdl or CtxSlp.

#### Sleep Contexts Register (CtxSlp)

##### Bit Description

31:00 R/W - CtxSlp[31:00] . Set by writing "1". Cleared by writing CtxBsy or CtxIdl.

#### CPU Event Mask Register (CpuMskJCpu)

##### Bit Description

31:10 Reserved.

OE: OE R/W bit - CpuMsk[11]. Writing a "1" enables ParEvt. Writing a "0" disables ParEvt.

0D:0D R/W bit - CpuMsk[11]. Writing a "1" enables BRQEvt. Writing a "0" disables BRQEvt.

OC-OC R/W bit - CpuMsk[10]. Writing a "1" enables LnkEvt. Writing a "0" disables LnkEvt.

OB: OB R/W bit - CpuMsk[09]. Writing a "1" enables CmdEvt. Writing a "0" disables CmdEvt.

OA: OA R/W bit - CpuMsk[11]. Writing a "1" enables FW3Evt. Writing a "0" disables FW3Evt.

09:09 R/W bit - CpuMsk[08]. Writing a "1" enables RSqEvt. Writing a "0" disables RSqEvt.

08:08 R/W bit - CpuMsk[07]. Writing a "1" enables FSMEvt. Writing a "0" disables FSMEvt.

07:07 R/W bit - CpuMsk[11]. Writing a "1" enables FW2Evt. Writing a "0" disables FW2Evt.

06:06 R/W bit - CpuMsk[06]. Writing a "1" enables TmrEvt. Writing a "0" disables TmrEvt.

05:05 R/W bit - CpuMsk[05]. Writing a "1" enables HstEvt. Writing a "0" disables HstEvt.

04:04 R/W bit - CpuMsk[11]. Writing a "1" enables FW1Evt. Writing a "0" disables FW1Evt.

03:03 R/W bit - CpuMsk[02]. Writing a "1" enables DbgEvt. Writing a "0" disables DbgEvt.

02:02 R/W bit - CpuMsk[10]. Writing a "1" enables RunEvt. Writing a "0" disables RunEvt.

01:01 R/W bit - CpuMsk[11]. Writing a "1" enables FWOEvt. Writing a "0" disables FVJOEvt.

00:00 R/w bit - CpuMsk[00]. Writing a "1" enables RspEvt. Writing a "0" disables RspEvt.

#### TCB MANAGER (TcbMgr/TMg)

FIG. 41 is a Block Diagram of a TCB Manager. Sahara is capable of offloading up to 4096 TCBs. TCBs, which reside in external memory, are copied into Cache Buffers (Cbfs) for a CPU to access them. Cache Buffers are implemented in contiguous locations of Global Ram to which the CPU has ready access. A maximum of 128 Cache Buffers can be implemented in this embodiment, but Sahara will support fewer Cache Buffers for situations which need to conserve Global Ram.

Due to Sahara's multi-CPU and multi-context architecture, TCB and Cache Buffer access is coordinated through the use of TCB Locks and Cache Buffer Locks. TcbMgr provides the services needed to facilitate these locks.

TcbMgr is commanded via a register which has sixteen aliases whereby each alias represents a unique command. Command parameters are provided by the alu output during CPU instructions which specify one of the command aliases as the destination operand. Command responses are immediately saved to the CPU's accumulator.

FIG. 41 illustrates the TCB Manager's storage elements. A TCB Lock register is provided for each of the thirty-two CPU Contexts and a Cache Buffer Control register is provided for each of the 128 possible Cache Buffers.

#### TCB Locks

The objective of TCB locking is to allow logical CPUs, while executing a Context specific thread, to request ownership of a TCB for the purpose of reading the TCB, modifying the TCB or copying the TCB to or from the host. It is also the objective of TCB locking, to enqueue requests such that they are granted in the order received with respect to like priority requests and such that high priority requests are granted prior to normal priority requests.

Up to 4096 TCBs are supported and a maximum of 32 TCBs, one per CPU Context, can be locked at a given time. TCB ownership is granted to a CPU Context and each CPU Context can own no more than a single TCB. TCB ownership is requested when a CPU writes a CpxId and TcbId to the TlkNmIReq or TlkRcvReq operand. Lock ownership will be granted immediately provided it is not already owned by another CPU Context. If the requested TCB Lock is not available and the ChnInh option is not selected then the TCB Lock request will be chained. Chained TCB Lock requests will be granted at future times as TCB Lock release operations pass TCB ownership from CPU Context which initiated the next lock request.

Priority sub-chaining is affected by the TlkRcvReq and TlkRcvPop operands. This facilitates a low latency receive-event copy from the RcvSqr event queue to the TCB receive-list and the ensuing release of the CPU-context for re-use. This feature increases the availability of CPU Contexts for performing work by allowing them to be placed back into the free context pool. The de-queuing of high priority requests from the request chain does not affect the current lock ownership. It allows the current CPU to change to the CPU Context which generated the high priority request, then copy the receive-event descriptor from a context specific register to a CPU specific register, switch back to the previous CPU-context, release the dequeued CPU Context for re-use and finally push the retrieved receive-event descriptor on to the TCB receive-list.

Each CPU Context has a dedicated TCB-Lock register set of which the purpose is to describe a lock request. The TCB Lock register set is defined as follows.

TlkReqId - Request Valid indicates that an active lock request exists and serves as a valid indication for all other registers. This register is set by the TlkNmIReq and TlkRcvReq commands and it is cleared by the TlkLckRIs and TlkRcvPop commands.

TlkTcbNura - TCB Number specifies one of 4096 TCBs to be locked. This register is modified by only the TlkNmIReq and TlkRcvReq commands. The contents of TlkTcbNum are continuously compared with the

command parameter CmdTcb and the resultant status is used to determine if the specified TCB is locked or unlocked.

TlkGntFlg - Grant Flag indicates that the associated CPU Context has been granted Tcb ownership. Set by the commands TlkNmIReq and TlkRcvReq or when the CPU Context has a queued request which is scheduled to be serviced next and a different CPU Context relinquishes ownership. Grant Flag is cleared during the TlkLckRIs command.

TlkChnFlg - Chain Flag indicates that a different CPU Context has requested the same TCB-Lock and that its request has been scheduled to be serviced next. TlkChnFlg is set during TlkNmIReq and TlkRcvReq commands and is cleared during TlkRcvPop and TlkLckRIs commands.

TlkPriEnd - Priority End indicates that the request is the last request in the priority sub-chain. It is set or cleared during TlkRcvPop, TlkLckRIs, TMgReqNini and TMgReqHgh commands.

TlkNxtCpx - Next Cpx specifies the CPU Context of the next requester and is valid if TlkChnFlg is asserted.

FIG. 42 illustrates how TCB Lock registers form a request chain. CpX[5] (CPU Context 5) is the current lock owner, CpX[2] is the next requester followed by CpX[0] and finally CpX[H]. ReqVld = 1 to indicate valid request and ownership. ReqVld = 0 indicates that the corresponding CPU Context is not requesting a TCB Lock and that all of the other registers are invalid. GntFlg is set to indicate TCB ownership. TcbNum indicates which TCB Lock is requested. ChnFlg indicates that NxtCpx is valid. Nx<Cpx points to the next requesting CPU Context. PriEnd indicates the end of the high priority request sub-chain.

The following four commands allow the CPU to control TCB Locking.

#### Request TCB Lock - Normal Priority (TlkNmIReq)

Requests, at a normal priority level, a lock for the specified TCB on behalf of the specified CPU Context. If the context already has a request for a TCB Lock other than the one specified, then TmgErr status is returned because a context may never own more than a single lock. If the context already has a request for the specified TCB Lock but does not yet own the TCB, then TmgErr status is returned because the specified context should be resuming with the lock granted. If the specified context already has ownership of the specified TCB, then TmgDup status is returned indicating successful resumption of a thread. If the specified TCB is owned by another context and ChnInh is reset, then the request will be linked to the end of the request chain and TmgSlp status will be returned indicating that the thread should retire until the lock is granted. If the specified TCB is owned by another context and ChnInh is set, then the request will not be linked and TmgSlp status will be returned. The request chaining inhibit is provided for unanticipated situations.

## CmdRg Field Description

31:31 ChnlNh Request chaining inhibit.

30:29 Rsvd

28 : 24 CpuCx CPU Context identifier.

23 : 12 Rsvd

11:00 Tcbld TCB identifier.

## RapRg Field Description

31:29 Status 7:TmgErr 4 : TmgSlp 1:TmgDup 0:TmgGnt 28:00 Rsvd Zeroes.

## Release TCB Lock (TlkLckRls)

Requests that the specified CPU Context relinquish the specified TCB Lock. If the CPU Context does not own the TCB, then TmgErr status is returned. If a chained request is found, it is immediately granted the TCB Lock and the ID of the new owner is returned in the response along with TmgRsm status. The current logical CPU may put the CPU Context ID of the new owner on to a resume list or it may immediately resume execution of the thread by assuming the CPU Context. If no chained request is found, then TmgGnt status is returned.

## CmdRg Field Description \_\_

31 : 29 Rsvd

28:24 CpuCx CPU Context identifier

23:12 Rsvd

11-00 Tcbld TCB identifier

## RapRg Field Description

31:29 Status 7 : TmgErr 4. TmgRsm 0:TmgGnt

28:05 Rsvd Zeroes.

04:00 NxtCpx Next requester CPU Context.

## Request TCB Lock - Receive Priority (TlkRcvReq)

Requests, at a high priority level, a lock for the specified TCB on behalf of the specified CPU Context. If the context already has a request for a TCB Lock other than the one specified, then TmgErr status is returned because a context may never own more than a single lock. If the context already has a request for the specified TCB Lock but does not yet own the TCB, then TmgErr status is returned because the specified context should be resuming with the lock granted. If the specified context already has ownership of the specified TCB, then TmgDup status is returned indicating successful resumption of a thread. If the specified TCB is owned by another context and ChnlNh is reset, then the request will be linked to the end of the priority request sub-chain and TmgSlp status will be returned. If a priority request sub-chain has not been previously established, then one will be established behind the head of the lock request chain by inserting the high priority request into the request chain between the current owner and the next normal priority requester. The priority sub-chaining affords a means to quickly pass RcvSqr events through to the receive queue residing within a TCB. If the specified TCB is owned by another context and ChnlNh is set, then the request will not be linked and TmgSlp status will be returned. The request chaining inhibit is provided for unanticipated situations.

## Description

Request chaining inhibit. CPU Context identifier. TCB identifier.

## RspRq Field Description

31:29 Status 7. TmgErr 4. TmgSlp 1. TmgDup 0. TmgGnt 28:00 Rsvd Zeroes.

## Pop Receive Request (TlkRcvPop)

Causes the removal of the next TCB Lock request in the receive sub-chain of the specified CPU Context. If the CPU Context does not own the specified TCB, then TmgErr status is returned. If there is no chained receive request detected then TmgEnd status is returned.

## Description

CPU Context identifier. TCB identifier

## RapRg Field Description

31-29 Status 7- TmgErr 4: TmgEnd 0 \* TmgGnt

28:00 Rsvd Zeroes

04:00 NxtCpk Next requester CPU Context.

#### TCB Cache Control

Cache Buffers (Cbfs) are areas within Global Ram which have been reserved for the caching of TCBs. TcbMgr provides control and status registers for 128 Cache Buffers and can be configured to support fewer Cache Buffers. Each of the Cache Buffers has an associated Cache Buffer register set comprising control and status registers which are dedicated to describing the Cache Buffer state and any registered TCB. TcbMgr uses these registers to identify and to lock Cache Buffers for TCB access by the CPU. The Cache Buffer register set is defined as follows.

**Cbf State** - Each of the Cache Buffers is assigned one of four states, DISABLED, VACANT, IDLE or BUSY as indicated by the two CbfState flip-flops. The DISABLED state indicates that the Cache Buffer is not available for caching of TCBs. The VACANT state indicates that the Cache Buffer is available for caching of TCBs but that no TCB is currently registered as resident. The IDLE state indicates that a TCB has been registered as resident and that the Cache Buffer is unlocked (not BUSY). The BUSY state indicates that a TCB has been registered as resident and that the Cache Buffer has been locked for exclusive use by a CPU Context.

**Cbf TcbNum** - TCB Number identifies a resident TCB. The identifier is valid for IDLE and BUSY states only. This value is compared against the command parameter CmdTcb and then the result is used to confirm TCB residency for a specified Cache Buffer or to search for a Cache Buffer wherein a desired TCB resides.

**CbfDtyFlg** - A Dirty Flag is provided for each Cache Buffer to indicate that the resident TCB has been modified and needs to be written back to external memory. This bit is valid during the IDLE and BUSY states only. The Dirty Flag also serves to inhibit invalidation of a modified TCB. Attempts to register a new TCB or invalidate a current registration will be blocked if the Dirty Flag of the specified Cache Buffer is asserted. This protective feature can be circumvented by asserting the Dirty Inhibit (DtyInh) parameter when initiating the command.

**CbfSlpFlg** - Normally, TCB Locks ensure collision avoidance when requesting a Cache Buffer, but a situation may sometimes occur during which a collision takes place. Sleep Flag indicates that a thread has encountered this situation and has suspended execution while awaiting Cache Buffer collision resolution. The situation occurs whenever a requested TCB is not found to be resident and an IDLE Cache Buffer containing a modified TCB is the only Cache Buffer type available in which to cache the desired TCB. The modified TCB must be written back, to the external TCB Buffer, before the desired TCB can be registered. During this time, if another CPU requests the dirty TCB then CbfSlpFlg will be asserted, the context of the requesting CPU will be saved to CbfSlpCtx and then the thread will be suspended. When the Cache Buffer owner registers the new TCB a response is given which indicates that the suspended thread must be resumed.

**CbfSlpCpx** - Sleeping CPU Context indicates the thread which was suspended as a result of a Cache Buffer collision.

**CbfCycTag** - Each Cache Buffer has an associated Cycle Tag register which indicates the order in which it is to be removed from the VACANT Pool or the IDLE Pool for the purpose of caching a currently non-resident TCB. Two counters, VACANT Cache Buffer Count (VacCbfCnt) and IDLE Cache Buffer Count (IdlCbfCnt), indicate the number of Cache Buffers which are in the VACANT or IDLE states. When a Cache Buffer transitions to the VACANT state or to the IDLE state, the value in VacCbfCnt or IdlCbfCnt is copied to the CbfCycTag register and then the counter is incremented to indicate that a Cache Buffer has been added to the pool. When a Cache Buffer is removed from the VACANT Pool or the IDLE Pool, any Cache Buffer in the same pool will have its CbfCycTag decremented providing that its CbfCycTag contains a value greater than that of the exiting Cache Buffer. Also, the respective counter value, VacCbfCnt or IdlCbfCnt, is decremented to indicate that one less Cache Buffer is in the pool. CbfCycTag is valid for the VACANT and IDLE states and is not valid for the DISABLED and BUSY states. The CbfCycTag value of each Cache Buffer is continuously tested for a value of zero which indicates that it is the least recently used Cache Buffer in its pool. In this way, TcbMgr can select a single Cache Buffer from the VACANT Pool or from the IDLE Pool in the event that a targeted TCB is found to be nonresident.

The following five commands allow the CPU to initiate Cache Buffer search, lock and registration operations.

#### Get Cache Buffer. (CchBufGet)

This command requests assignment of a Cache Buffer for the specified TCB. TMg first performs a registry search and if an IDLE Cache Buffer is found wherein the specified TCB resides, then the Cache Buffer is made BUSY. TmgGnt status is returned along with the CbfId.

If a BUSY Cache Buffer is found, wherein the specified TCB resides, and SlpInh is set, then TmgSlp status is returned indicating that the Cache Buffer cannot be reserved for use by the requester.

If a BUSY Cache Buffer is found, wherein the specified TCB resides, and SlpInh is not set, then the specified CPU Context ID is saved to the CbfSlpCpx and the CbfSlpFlg is set. TmgSlp status is returned indicating that the CPU Context should suspend operation until the Cache Buffer has been released.

If the specified TCB is not found to be residing in any of the Cache Buffers but an LRE Cache Buffer is detected, then the Cache Buffer state will be set to BUSY, the TCB will be registered to the Cache Buffer and TmgFch status plus Cb-Td will be returned.

If the specified TCB is not found to be residing in any of the Cache Buffers and no LRE Cache Buffer is detected but a LRU Cache Buffer is detected that does not have its DtyFlg asserted, then the Cache Buffer state will be set to BUSY, the TCB will be registered to the Cache Buffer and TmgFch status will be returned along with the Cbld. The program thread should then schedule a DMA operation to copy the TCB from the external TCB Buffer to the Cache Buffer.

If the specified TCB is not found to be residing in any of the Cache Buffers, no LRE Cache Buffer is detected and a LRU Cache Buffer is detected that has its DtyFlg asserted, then the Cache Buffer state will be set to BUSY and TmgFsh status will be returned along with the Cbld and its resident Tcbld. The program thread should then schedule a DMA operation to copy the TCB from the internal Cache Buffer to the external TCB Buffer, then upon completion of the DMA, register the desired TCB by issuing a CchTcbReg command, then schedule a DMA to copy the desired TCB for its external TCB Buffer to the Cache Buffer.

#### Conditions Response Register

TcbDet, CbfBsy, !SlpFlg, SlpInh (TmgSlp, 10 'b0, Cbld, 12'b0)

TcbDet, CbfBsy, !SlpFlg, 'SlpInh (TmgSlp, 10 'b0, Cbld, 12 'b0)

TcbDet, ! CbfBsy (TmgGnt, 10 'b0, Cbld, 12 'b0) ! TcbDet, LreDet (TmgFch, 10 'b0, Cbld, 12 'b0)

! TcbDet, !LreDet, LruDet, ! DtyFlg (TmgFch, 10 'b0, Cbld, 12 'b0) ! TcbDet, ! LreDet, LruDet, DtyFlg (TmgFsh, 10 'b0, Cbld, Tcbld)

Default (TmgErr, 10'b0, 7'b0, 12'b0)

#### Description

Inhibits modification of SlpFlg and SlpCtk.

Current CPU Context. Targeted TCB.

#### RspRg Field Description

31:29 Status 7:TmgErr, 6:TmgFsh, 5:TmgFch, 4:TmgSlp, 0: TmgGnt 28:19 Rsvd Reserved . 18:12 Cbld Cache Buffer identifier. 11:00 Tcbld TCB identifier for Flush indication.

#### Modify Dirty. (CchDtyMod)

Selects the specified Cache Buffer. If the state is BUSY and the specified TCB is registered, then the CbfDtyFlg is written with the value in DtyDat and a status of TmgGnt is returned. This command is intended primarily as a means to set the Dirty Flag. Clearing of the Dirty Flag is normally done as a result of invalidating the resident TCB.

#### Conditions Response Register

CbfBsy, rcbDet (TmgGnt, 29'b0)

Default (TmgErr, 29'b0)

#### CmdRg Field Description

31 : 31 DtyDat Data to be written to the Dirty Flag. 30 : 19 Rsvd 18 : 12 Cbld Targeted Cbf. 11 : 00 Tcbld Expected resident TCB.

#### RspRg Figld Description

31:29 Status 7:TmgErr 0:TmgGnt 28-00 Rsvd Reserved.

#### Evict and Register. (CchTcbReg)

Requests that the TCB which is currently resident in the Cache Buffer be evicted and that the TCB which is locked by the specified CPU Context (TikTcbNumfCmdCpx) be registered. The Cache Buffer must be BUSY, CmdTcb must match the current registrant and Dirty must be reset or overridden with DtyInh in order for this command to succeed. SlpFlg without SlpInh causes SlpCpx to be returned along with TmgRsm status otherwise TmgGnt status is returned. This command is intended to register a TCB after completing a flush DMA operation.

#### Conditions Response Register<sup>1</sup>

CbfBsy, TcbDet, DtyFlg, DtyInh, SlpFlg (TmgRsm, 5 'b0, SlpCpx, 19'b0)

CbfBsy, TcbDet, ! DtyFlg, SlpFlg [TmgRsm, 5 'b0, SlpCpx, 19'b0>

CbfBsy, TcbDet, DtyFlg, DtyInh, 'SlpFlg f TmgGnt, 29'b0|

CbfBsy, TcbDet, ! DtyFlg, !SlpFlg [TmgGnt, 29'b0( Default (TmgErr, 29'b0>

CmdRgr Field Description

31 31 DtyInh Inhibits Dirty Flag detection. 30 29 Rsvd 28 24 CpuCx Current CPU Context. 23 19 Rsvd 18 12 Cbf Id Targeted Cbf. 11 00 Tcbld TCB to evict.

RspRg Field Description

31:29 Status 7:TmgErr 4:TmgRsm 0:TmgGnt

28:05 Rsvd Reserved.

04:00 SlpCpx Cpu Context to resume.

Evict and Release. (CchTcbEvc)

Requests that the TCB which is currently resident in the Cache Buffer be evicted and that the Cache Buffer then be released to the Vacant Pool The Cache Buffer must be BUSY, CmdTcb must match the current registrant and Dirty Flag must be reset or overridden with DtyInh in order for this command to succeed. SlpFlg without SlpInh causes SlpCpx to be returned along with TmgRsm status otherwise TmgGnt status is returned.

Conditions Response Register

Default (TmgErr, 29'b0)

CbfBsy, TcbDet, DtyFlg, DtyInh, SlpFlg (TmgRsm, 4'b0, SlpCpx, 19'b0J

CbfBsy, TcbDet, > DtyFlg, SlpFlg (TmgRsm, 4'b0, SlpCpx, 19'b0}

CbfBsy, TcbDet, DtyFlg, DtyInh, 'SlpFlg (TmgGnt, 29'b0}

CbfBsy, TcbDet, 'DtyFlg, 'SlpFlg (TmgGnt, 29'b0)

Description

Inhibits Dirty Flag detection .

Targeted Cbf. Expected resident TCB.

RapRg Field Description

31:29 Status 7: TmgErr 4: TmgRsm 0: TmgGnt 28:05 Rsvd Reserved . 04:00 SlpCpx Cpu Context to resume.

Release. (CchBufRIs)

Selects the specified Cache Buffer then verifies Cache Buffer BUSY and TCB registration before releasing the Cache Buffer. SlpFlg found causes SlpCpx to be returned along with TmgRsm status otherwise a TmgGnt status is returned. DtySet will cause the Dirty Flag to be asserted in the event of a successful Cbf release.

Conditions Response Register

De fault (TmgErr, 29'b0)

CbfBsy, TcbDet, SlpFlg (TmgRsm, 4'b0, SlpCpx, 19'b0)

CbfBsy, TcbDet, 'SlpFlg (TmgGnt, 29'b0)

CmdRg Field Description

31:31 DtySet Causes the dirty flag to be asserted.

30:19 Rsvd

18:12 Cbfld Targeted Cbf.

11:00 Tcbld Expected resident TCB.

RspRg F-.old Doscription

31:29 Status 7:TmgErr 4:TmgRsm 0:TmgGnt

28:05 Rsvd Reserved.

04:00 SlpCpx Cpu Context to resume.

The following commands are intended for maintenance and debug usage only.

TCB Manager Reset. (TmgReset)

Resets all Cache Buffer registers and all TCB Lock registers.

CmdRg Fxeld Description

31:00 Rsvd

RspRg Field Description

31:00 Rsvd Reserved.

TCB Query. (TmgTcbQry)

Performs registry search for the specified TCB and reports Cache Buffer ID. Also performs TCB Lock search for the specified TCB and reports Cpu Context ID. Additional TCB information can then be obtained by using the returned IDs along with the CchBufQry and TlkCpxQry commands. This command is intended for debug usage.

CmdRq Field Description

31:12 Rsvd

11:00 Tcbld Targeted TCB.

RapRg Field Description

31:31 CbfDet Indicates the TCB is registered to a Cache Buffer.

30:30 TLkDet Indicates the TCB is locked.

29:24 Rsvd Reserved.

23: 19 Cpxld ID of Cpu Context that has the TCB lock.

18:12 Cbf Id ID of Cache Buffer where TCB is registered.

11:00 Rsvd Reserved.

Cache Buffer Query. (CchBufQry)

Returns information for the specified Cache Buffer. This command is intended for debug usage.

CmdRg Field Description

31:19 Rsvd

18:12 Cbfld Targeted Cbf.

11:00 Tcbld Expected resident TCB.

RspRg Field Description

31:30 State 3:BUS<sup>V</sup>, 2 -IDLE, 1 VACANT, 0- DISABLED

29 29 SlpFlg Sleep Flag

28-28 DtyFlg Dirty Flag

27:27 CTcEqI Command TCB == CbfTcbNum

26:26 LreDec Buffer is least recently emptied.

25:25 LruDet Buffer is least recently used

24 :24 Rsvd Reserved.

23.19 SlpCpx Sleeping CPU Context.

18:12 CycTag Cache Buffer Cycle Tag

11:00 Tcbld TCB identifier.



## Least Recently Emptied Query. (CchLreQry)

Report on least recently vacated Cache Buffer. Also returns vacant buffer count. Intended for degug usage.

## CmdRg Field Description

31:00 Psvd

## RspRg Field Description

31-31 CbfDet Vacant Cache Buffer detected.

30-24 VacCnt Vacant Cbf count 0 == 123 if CbfDet

23-19 Rsvd Reserved .

18-12 Cbf Id ID of least recently emptied Cache Buffer

11:00 Rsvd Reserved .

## Least Recently Used Query- (CchLruQry)

Report on least recently used Cache Buffer. Also returns idle buffer count. Intended for degug usage

## CmdRg Field Description

31:00 Rsvd

## RspRg Field Description

31:31 CbfDet Idle Cache Buffer detected.

30.24 IdlCnt Idle Cbf count. 0 — 128 if CbfDet.

23.19 Rsvd Reserved .

18.12 Cbf Id ID of least recently used Cache Buffer.

11.00 Tcbld Resident TCB identifier

## Cache Buffer Enable. (CchBufEnb)

Enables the specified Cache Buffer. Buffer must be in the DISABLE state for this command to succeed Any other state will result in a TmgErr status Intended for initial setup.

## CmdRg Field Description

31 17 Rsvd

18-12 Cbfld Targeted Cbf

11-00 Rsvd

## RspRg Field Description

31:29 Status 7. TmgErr O.TmgGnt 28:00 Rsvd Reserved.

## TCB Lock Query - Cpu Context (TlkCpxQry)

Returns the lock registers for the specified CPU Context. TcbDet indicates that CmdTcbld is valid and identical to TlkTcbNum. This command is intended for diagnostic and debug use.

## Field Desori.pfci.on

31.29 Rsvd

28 24 CpuCk CPU ConteKt. 23 12 Rsvd

11:00 Tcbld Expected resident TCB.

## RspRg Field Description

31 31 ReqVld Lock request is valid. 30 30 GntFlg Lock has been granted. 29 29 ChnFlg Request is chained. 28 23 priEnd End of priority sub-chain. 27 27 CTcDec CmdTcbld == TlkTcbNum. 26 24 Rsvd Reserved. 23 19 NxtCpx Next requesting CPU Context. 18 12 Rsvd 11 00 Tcbld Identifies the requested TCB.

## HOSTBUS INTERFACE ADAPTOR (HstBIA/BIA)

## Host Event Queue (HstEvtQ)

FIG.43 is a diagram of Host Event Queue Control/Data Paths. The HstEvtQ is a (unction implemented within the Dmd. It is responsible for delivering slave write descriptors, from the host bus interface to the CPU.

## Write Descriptor Entry:

## Bits Name Description

31:31 Rsvd Zero.

30:30 Func2 Write to Memory Space of Function 2.

29:29 Fund Write to Memory Space of Function 1.

28:28 FuncO Write to Memory Space of Function 0.

27:24 Marks Lane markers indicate valid bytes.

23:23 wrdVld Marks == 4 'blll.

22:20 Rsvd Zeroes

19:00 SlvAdr Slave address bits 19' 00.

## Write Data Entry-

## Bits Name Description

31:00 SlvDat Slave data.

if (CmdCd==0) {

18:12 Cpld Cpu Id.

11:07 ExtCd Specifies 1 of 32 commands. 06:03 CmdCd Zero indicates extended (non-TCB) mode. 02:00 Always 0

) else {

18:07 Tcbld Specifies 1 of 4096 TCBs. 06:03 CmdCd 1 of 15 TCB commands. 02:00 Always 0

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RLDRAM, 76 BIT, 500Mb/S/Pin o LVDS, HSTL I/O Cells o PII o DII

XGXS/XAUI o CML I/O Cells o PH o Controller

SERDES o LVDS o SERDES Controller

RGMII o HSTL I/O Cells

MAC o 10/100/1000 Mac o IOGbe Mac

SRAM o Custom Single Port Sram o Custom Dual Port Srams, 2-RW Ports o Custom Dual Port Srams, 1-R 1-W Port

PLLs

FIG. 44 is a diagram of Global RAM Control.

FIG. 45 is a diagram of Global RAM to Buffer RAM.

FIG. 46 is a diagram of Buffer RAM to Global RAM.

FIG. 47 is a Global RAM Controller timing diagram. In this diagram, odd clock cycles are reserved for read operations, and even cycles are reserved for write operations. As shown in the figure:

- 1) Write request is presented to controller.
- 2) Read request is presented to controller.
- 3) Write 0 data, write 0 address and write enable are presented to RAM while OddCyc is false.
- 4) Read 0 address is presented to RAM while OddCyc is true.

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## (WO/2007/130476) NETWORK INTERFACE DEVICE WITH 10 GB/S FULL-DUPLEX TRANSFER RATE

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#### WO 2007130476 20071115 CLAIMS

1. A device comprising: a control block containing a combination of information representing the state of a process; a processor that accesses the control block to read and update the information; and a control block manager that allocates the accessing of the control block by the processor.
2. The device of claim 1, wherein the process includes communication according to Transmission Control Protocol (TCP).
3. The device of claim 1, wherein the control block contains information corresponding to TCP.
4. The device of claim 1, wherein the control block contains information corresponding to a TCP connection.
5. The device of claim 1, wherein the control block contains information corresponding to a TCP Control Block (TCB).
6. The device of claim 1, wherein the control block contains information corresponding to a transport layer of a communication protocol.
7. The device of claim 1, wherein the control block contains information corresponding to a network layer of a communication protocol.
8. The device of claim 1, wherein the control block contains information corresponding to a Media Access Control (MAC) layer of a communication protocol.
9. The device of claim 1, wherein the control block contains information corresponding to an upper layer of a communication protocol, the upper layer being higher than a transport layer.
10. The device of claim 1, wherein the control block contains information corresponding to at least three layers of a communication protocol.
11. The device of claim 1, wherein the device provides a communication interface for a host.
12. The device of claim 1, wherein the control block has been transferred to the device from a host.
13. The device of claim 1, wherein the control block is not established by the device.
14. The device of claim 1, wherein the processor has a plurality of contexts, with each context representing a group of resources available to the processor when operating within the context, and the control block manager allows only one of the contexts to access the control block at one time.
15. A device comprising: a plurality of control blocks, each of the control blocks containing a combination of information representing the state of a process; a processor that accesses the control blocks to read and update the information; and a control block manager that allocates the accessing of the control blocks by the processor.
16. The device of claim 15, wherein the processor has a plurality of contexts, with each context representing a group of resources available to the processor when operating within the context, and the control block manager allows, for each of the control blocks, only one of the contexts to access that control block at one time.
17. The device of claim 15, wherein the process includes communication according to the Transmission Control Protocol (TCP).
18. The device of claim 15, wherein each control block contains information corresponding to TCP.
19. The device of claim 15, wherein each control block contains information corresponding to a different TCP connection.

20. The device of claim 15, wherein each control block contains information corresponding to a different TCP Control Block (TCB).
21. The device of claim 15, wherein each control block contains information corresponding to a transport layer of a communication protocol.
22. The device of claim 15, wherein each control block contains information corresponding to a network layer of a communication protocol.
23. The device of claim 15, wherein each control block contains information corresponding to a Media Access Control (MAC) layer of a communication protocol.
24. The device of claim 15, wherein each control block contains information corresponding to an upper layer of a communication protocol, the upper layer being higher than a transport layer.
25. The device of claim 15, wherein each control block contains information corresponding to at least three layers of a communication protocol.
26. The device of claim 15, wherein the device provides a communication interface for a host.
27. The device of claim 15, wherein at least one of the control blocks has been transferred to the device from a host.
28. The device of claim 15, wherein at least one of the control blocks is not established by the device.
29. The device of claim 15, wherein the control block manager manages storage of the control blocks in a memory.
30. A device comprising: a control block containing a combination of information representing the state of a process; a plurality of processors that access the control block to read and update the information; and a control block manager that allocates the accessing of the control block by the processors.
31. The device of claim 30, wherein the process includes communication according to the Transmission Control Protocol (TCP).
32. The device of claim 30, wherein the control block contains information corresponding to TCP.
33. The device of claim 30, wherein the control block contains information corresponding to a TCP connection.
34. The device of claim 30, wherein the control block contains information corresponding to a TCP Control Block (TCB).
35. The device of claim 30, wherein the device provides a communication interface for a host.
36. The device of claim 30, wherein the control block contains information corresponding to a transport layer of a communication protocol.
37. The device of claim 30, wherein the control block contains information corresponding to a network layer of a communication protocol.
38. The device of claim 30, wherein the control block contains information corresponding to a Media Access Control (MAC) layer of a communication protocol.
39. The device of claim 30, wherein the control block contains information corresponding to an upper layer of a communication protocol, the upper layer being higher than a transport layer.
40. The device of claim 30, wherein the control block contains information corresponding to at least three layers of a communication protocol.
41. The device of claim 30, wherein the processors are pipelined.
42. The device of claim 30, wherein the processors share hardware, with each of the processors occupying a different phase at a single time.
43. The device of claim 30, wherein the device provides a communication interface for a host.
44. The device of claim 30, wherein the control block has been transferred to the device from a host.
45. The device of claim 30, wherein the control block is not established by the device.
46. The device of claim 30, wherein the control block manager manages storage of the control block in a memory.
47. The device of claim 30, wherein each of the processors has a plurality of contexts, with each context representing a group of resources available to the processor when operating within the context, and the control block manager allows only one of the contexts to access the control block at one time.
48. A device comprising: a plurality of control blocks, each of the control blocks containing a combination of information representing the state of a process; a plurality of processors that access the control blocks to read and update the information; and a control block manager that allocates the accessing of the control blocks by the processors.

49 The device of claim 48, wherein each of the processors has a plurality of contexts, with each context representing a group of resources available to the processor when operating within the context, and the control block manager allows only one of the contexts to access any one of the the control blocks at one time.

50 The device of claim 48, wherein the control block manager manages storage of the control blocks in a memory.

51. The device of claim 48, wherein the process includes communication according to the Transmission Control Protocol (TCP).

52 The device of claim 48, wherein each control block contains information corresponding to TCP

53 The device of claim 48, wherein each control block contains information corresponding to a different TCP connection

54. The device of claim 48, wherein each control block contains information corresponding to a different TCP Control Block (TCB).

55 The device of claim 48 wherein the device provides a communication interface for a host.

56. The device of claim 48, wherein each control block contains information corresponding to a transport layer of a communication protocol

57 The device of claim 48, wherein each control block contains information corresponding to a network layer of a communication protocol

58 The device of claim 48, wherein each control block contains information corresponding to a Media Access Control (MAC) layer of a communication protocol.

59. The device of claim 48, wherein each control block contains information corresponding to an upper layer of a communication protocol, the upper layer being higher than a transport layer

60 The device of claim 48, wherein each control block contains information corresponding to at least three layers of a communication protocol.

61 The device of claim 48, wherein each control block is only accessed by one processor at a time.

62 The device of claim 48, wherein each control block contains information corresponding to a different TCP connection, and each control block is only accessed by one processor at a time

63 The device of claim 48, wherein the processors are pipelined.

64 The device of claim 48, wherein the processors share hardware, with each of the processors occupying a different phase at a time.

65 The device of claim 48, wherein the device provides a communication interface for a host.

66. The device of claim 48, wherein at least one of the control blocks has been transferred to the device from a host.

67. The device of claim 48, wherein at least one of the control blocks is not established by the device.

68. The device of claim 48, wherein the control block manager grants locks to the plurality of processors, each of the locks being defined to allow access to a specific one of the control blocks by only one of the processors at a time, the control block manager maintaining a queue of lock requests that have been made by all of the processors for each lock.

69. The device of claim 48, wherein the plurality of processors each has a plurality of contexts, with each context representing a group of resources available to the processor when operating within the context, and the control block manager grants locks to the plurality of processors, each of the locks being defined to allow access to a specific one of the control blocks by only one of the contexts at a time.

70. The device of claim 69, wherein the control block manager maintains a queue of lock requests that have been made by all of the contexts for each lock.

71. The device of claim 48, wherein the plurality of processors each has a plurality of contexts, with each context representing a group of resources available to the processor when operating within the context, and the control block manager allows, for each of the control blocks, only one of the contexts to access that control block at one time.

72. The device of claim 69 or 71 , wherein the control block manager maintains a queue of requests to access each control block that have been made by all of the contexts for each lock.

73. A device comprising: a plurality of control blocks stored in a memory, each of the control blocks containing a combination of information representing the state of a process; a plurality of processors that access the control blocks to read and update the information; and

a control block manager that manages storage of the control blocks in the memory and allocates the accessing of the control blocks by the processors.



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76. The device of claim 73, wherein the control block manager allocates the accessing of the control blocks by the processors based at least in part upon a predetermined priority of functions provided by the processors.

77. The device of claim 73, wherein the control block manager allocates the accessing of the control blocks by the processors based at least in part upon a predetermined priority of contexts, wherein each context represents a group of resources available to the processors when operating within the context.

78. A device comprising: a queue that stores packets that correspond to a single media access control (MAC) address; parser hardware that reads the network and transport header information of each packet stored in the queue, including determining a socket for each packet having Internet Protocol (IP) and Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) headers; and socket detector hardware that determines whether each socket matches a TCP Control Block (TCB) that is stored on a memory accessible by the socket detector.

79. The device of claim 78, wherein the TCB was established by a CPU.

80. The device of claim 78, wherein the IP addresses and TCP ports of each packet that has an IP header and a TCP header are stored in a FIFO that is accessible by the socket detector hardware.

81. The device of claim 78, wherein the socket detector hardware employs a hash of the IP addresses and TCP ports of each packet that has an IP header and a TCP header to determine a corresponding TCB.

82. The device of claim 78, further comprising a processor that updates the TCB.

83. The device of claim 78, wherein the socket detector hardware creates a receive event descriptor that is stored in a receive event queue, the receive event descriptor including a TCB identifier (TCBID) that identifies the TCB to which the packet corresponds, and a Receive Buffer ED that identifies where in memory the packet is stored.

84. A device comprising: a plurality of processors that are pipelined, such that the processors share hardware with each of the processors occupying a different pipeline phase at a time, the processors adapted to provide a plurality of functions; and a lock manager that grants locks to the plurality of processors, each of the locks being defined to allow access to a specific one of the functions by only one of the processors at a time, the lock manager maintaining a queue of lock requests by all of the processors for each lock.

85. The device of claim 84, wherein the processors are adapted to perform protocol processing.

86. The device of claim 84, wherein the plurality of functions each corresponds to a context, with each context representing a group of resources available to the processor when operating within the context.